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#### ARKANSAS.

**Condition of the State and Temper of the People—What Arkansas Did for the War.**

From Our Own Correspondent.

LITTLE ROCK, Wednesday, Jan. 17, 1866.

The same policy of reconstruction and restoration which is now being so successfully and constitutionally carried out by President JOHNSON in South and North Carolina, Virginia, Alabama, Florida, Mississippi and Texas, it will be remembered, was inaugurated by the lamented Mr. LINCOLN, in the States of Tennessee, Arkansas and Louisiana, some time before his decease.

Arkansas, if I may be allowed to make the distinction, is more of a returned rebellious State than a returned seceded State. As to the great political crime of rebellion or secession, of course one is as bad as the other. The States of Virginia, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana and Texas seceded, openly and squarely seceded; but the States of North Carolina, Tennessee and Arkansas rebelled. There was more Union sentiment rife in these three States during the entire progress of the war than in any others, from the fact that they did not secede as did the others. The declaration on the part of Tennessee of separation was a clear case of rebellion. Only a few months before the act of separation, and when all the other Southern States had, as they termed it, withdrawn, Tennessee refused to secede; but almost immediately thereafter rebelled against Mr. LINCOLN'S proclamation calling for 75, 00 men. The States of North Carolina and Arkansas were conservative States, and were opposed to secession as much as Tennessee. But the people of these States ultimately acquiesced in the fatal movements of their neighbors of the cotton States, and rebelled against their own feelings and better judgment. The performance of these States during the war would verify these remarks. For instance, Tennessee had 30,000 troops in the Federal army, and anxiously seized upon the opportunity afforded it by Mr. LINCOLN of rehabilitating itself with constitutional power, and reëstablishing its State machinery. Arkansas, with several thousand of her sons in the Federal army, did precisely the same, and the Holden party in North Carolina would have followed had the same opportunity presented itself. The Radical party at the North, who are so vehemently opposing the President's policy of reconstruction and restoration, then, are not only opposing the policy of his illustrious predecessor, whose policy is the same, letter for letter, as the present Chief Magistrate's, but they are defaming the name of Mr. LINCOLN, who lived long enough to see his whole line of policy successful in the States of Tennessee and Arkansas; for it will be remembered that these States had their Provisional Governors, held their conventions, elected their Governors and selected their Legislatures long before Mr. LINCOLN'S death, and received his hearty congratulations therefor. Is it possible that the party of Radicals, who so fiercely oppose and denounce Mr. JOHNSON'S policy of reconstruction and restoration, can have forgotten these things?

The history of the course of Arkansas for the past two years is of interest. Early in 1864 a convention was held which adopted a State Constitution, making the abolition of slavery its chief clause. Beside this the convention patriotically declared the instrument of secession null and void, nullified all consequent acts and repudiated the Confederate debt as odious and illegal. This convention appointed ISAAC MURPHY Provisional Governor, requesting him to order an election for a permanent government, and requiring him to submit the new constitution as amended by the convention to the people for their approval or rejection. One-half of the voting population of the State went to the polls and cast twelve thousand odd votes for Mr. MURPHY as Governor and for the new constitution, while less than three hundred were recorded against it. The Governor took his seat, the Legislature met and the State has since then performed its functions; and, I can assure you, has no idea of being forced *out* of the Union by those extremists North who are, no doubt, grieved that she is *in*.

THE FEELING OF THE PEOPLE.

I can perceive no material difference between the general tenor of the feeling of the people of Arkansas and the people of Tennessee. Their late political history is about the same. There is a rifle of opposition to the Governor of Arkansas, but this opposition exists almost entirely among those who contributed tongue, but no muscle or money, in favor of the late war against the government of the United States. I have talked with a great many of the officers and soldiers of the late Confederate army, and they all accept the logic and terms of the situation gracefully and manfully. I feel assured that but very few of those who remain of the forty-eight thousand soldiers which this State sent into the rebel army, are disloyally dissatisfied with the result. These people talk pretty plain, and occasionally, on a steamer, or in some hotel, I hear enthusiastic fellows blow about the valor of the Confederate troops, and oftentimes they go further, and say: "I'm sorry we were not successful;" but all such almost invariably add: "But the thing's over, and I'm bound to do what is right;" and that is the real standard feeling of the people. To a great extent their feelings naturally linger around the associations of the past, but there is no malignity to the government expressed in these feelings whatever. This is the section where the people settled everything by the bowie-knife, and where they used to hang Northern men because they were Northern men. These things have all passed away, however.

Beside the soldiers of the late Confederate army, who, with a few exceptions I feel sure, mean to do what is right, it must be recollected that one-quarter of the voting population of 1860 are staunch Union men and ardent supporters of the present State government. Yet, to be candid, I confess there are some bad men in the State, and it is a fact that these men composed what is known as the stay-at-home crowd during the war. But it is a weak party, and is of the same political inclinations as the ETHERIDGE party in Tennessee, with no excuse in the world to offer, for the Governor of Arkansas is a dignified gentleman, and he is also a man of generous impulses and sterling good character. It is true, too, that these bad men, a few weeks ago, called for a People's Convention, and did some very foolish things, and would no doubt have done many more, had not Gen. SHERMAN, in a speech which he delivered, advised them to abide the consequences of their acts with good grace, and not make a worse case out of what might seem to them to be a bad one. They took his advice and are behaving themselves. Gen. SHERMAN told them that they must appreciate, not mistake, the magnanimity of the President and the conservative masses of the Union party, and advised them to go home and let politics be for a while. He told them it was not good policy for a crowd of men who had been generously snatched from the hangman's clutches to call a People's, or any other kind of a convention; that the best thing they could do was to go home and accept the present condition of things—State and National—gracefully and cordially. I have been informed by several Union men that this hostile element is fast disappearing, and that no apprehension of trouble exists whatever.

THE FREEDMEN.

During the progress of the late war, it is believed that at least two-thirds of the male blacks left this State, going north and east. A portion of these have returned, and in all probability nearly one-half of the black working population of 1860 are in the State at the present time, counting in the large squads of Georgia negroes which have been sent to Arkansas planters by Gen. TILLSON. And, better still, nearly all of these negroes are at work. A large number have made contracts for the year; some have bought small tracts of land; many are working plantations for their former masters on halves, while very many have squatted upon abandoned plantations along the rivers and creeks. The whites and blacks are getting along first-rate with each other in this State, and the most sanguine of the planters inform me that if the negroes stick to their contracts during the hot season, Arkansas will produce nearly as much cotton as she did in 1860.

There can be no mistake in this matter, and Arkansas is doing well, socially and politically. There are less signs of indolence in this city on the part of the blacks than I have seen anywhere. The planters have done better and contracted more liberally with their laborers in this section of the country than in Georgia, Alabama or Florida. Many of the planters, like our New-England cotton-mill proprietors, want to grind the very existence out of their labor for the smallest amount of pay. But all such are being left out in the cold. The negroes know just about what they are worth, and they also are well aware that they can get fairly paid for their labor, and prices do range exceedingly high. Planters who were offering, a few months ago, $150 a year and board, are now giving $15 a month, lodging, clothing and rations, and cannot get all the help they want at those rates.

ARKANSAS IN THE WAR.

Arkansas was, as we are all well aware, one of the most reluctant States to take up arms against the government, and she was also one of the first to regret her course, and to renew her allegiance with, and confidence in the government she had sought to destroy. According to her population, however, no State, I believe, furnished more troops than Arkansas. There were some 40,000 soldiers from this State in the Confederate army, divided up into sixty odd regiments. Besides these there were a great many who helped to fight the battles which took place on her own soil, and who afterward joined the Trans-Misdssippi army, while some 5,000 of her men enlisted in the Federal army. Some very severe battles were fought in Arkansas, those of Pea Ridge and Helena being the most celebrated. Arkansas furnished some very good general officers for the Confederate army, several of whom were killed.

Of her living Generals I have met a few. I had quite a long talk with ALBERT PIKE on the steamer for this place. He is not so thoroughly reconstructed as most of the ex-general officers I have met. He damned SUMNER and STEVENS to all eternity, and was down on the Radicals and the New-Englanders generally. But, taking into consideration that Gen. PIKE was a real Yankee himself from Massachusetts, I overlooked his violent denunciations of those men, who, I believe myself, are not so patriotic as they should be. But I thought it came with very bad grace from ALBERT S. PIKE, for the reasons: First, he is a renegade New-Englander himself; secondly, he went in for the Indian mode of fighting, such as taking scalps and the like; and lastly, because he got into bad odor with the Confederate authorities, got mad, resigned, and refused to fight for the cause he had at first attempted to bolster up by resorting to an uncivilized mode of warfare. The fact is, taking everything into consideration, it is fair to presume that the ex-General is slightly disgusted with himself. He is about opening a law office in Memphis. PIKE is a fine-looking gentlemen, and would be taken much quicker for a minister of the gospel than an "Indian warrior." I have met several officers and soldiers of the late bogus Confederacy, who assure me that Gen. HINDMAN, who is now in Mexico, was the most universally hated man in the Southern army. It seems that he was shot at several times, and at last, out of fear, he left the army and went to Mexico about nine months before the "thing went up."

Gen. MCINTOSH, who was killed early in the Spring of 1862, at the battle of Pea Ridge, is claimed by this State. He was in the regular army at the commencement of the war, and took command of a regiment of troops from this State, and afterward commanded a division of Arkansas soldiers. He was regarded as an able officer and a brave man. His father was an old officer before him. He was a graduate of West Point, and was appointed in the army from Georgia, his native State.

Gen. JOHN H. KELLY, who was killed about eighteen months ago, in a cavalry fight near Franklin, Tenn., is also claimed by the Arkansas people as one of their Generals. He was only 22 years of age when he was killed. He was really, I think, an Alabamian. He was at the military school at West Point when the war broke out, and got a leave of absence. Gen. HARDEE took him under his wing, and got him a position as captain in the Eighth Arkansas regiment. He was soon after made colonel of the regiment, and for gallant conduct subsequently made a General. He was with WHEELER on several of his raids, and is spoken of as one of the most dashing young officers in the Confederate army. Several months ago I met Gen. WHEELER in Augusta, Ga., and in a conversation with him he told me that Gen. KELLY was the bravest man in a fight he ever saw.

The greatest of all Arkansas Generals—living or dead—was PAT. CLEBURNE, who fell at Franklin, a little more than a year ago, pierced with more bullets than he had fingers and toes. Next to Stonewall JACKSON, his individual loss was greatest to the South, and by far the most irreparable. I suppose every officer and soldier in the old Army of the Cumberland indorses me when I say that no braver soldier ever breathed the atmosphere of a field of action, and no more efficient officer ever commanded a division than Maj.-Gen. PATRICK R. CLEBURNE, who was killed at the battle of Franklin.

He was an Irishman by birth and a Southerner by adoption—a soldier from choice and education. He served, when quite a youth, in the British service, where were inculcated those soldierly qualities of discipline and training which rendered him distinguished in the late war. When he first emigrated to this country he settled in Arkansas, where he studied and practiced law, and in that profession had, previous to the great struggle, formed a partnership with Gen. T. C. HINDMAN.

At the commencement of the war he enlisted as a private, was subsequently made Captain of his company, and shortly afterward he was elected and commissioned Colonel of his regiment, and thus, from one grade to another, he gradually rose to the position he held at the time of his fall. Among his contemporaries he was distinguished for his soldierly qualities, and for a correctness of judgment in the councils of war and upon the battle-field, which gave his opinion great weight and influence. He endeared himself to his devoted troops, and won the admiration and respect of every Confederate soldier by his attention to their general welfare and by his gallant bearing upon the field, and his cool and intrepid behavior in the hour of battle. He was the right hand of the late rebel army of Tennessee, and his fall was greater, as I have before remarked, than the fall of any other distinguished Confederate since the death of STONEWALL JACKSON. I have met several gentlemen in this State who knew him well, and they inform me that he not only never frequented the companies of gamblers and jaffers, but was as modest and unassuming as a young girl. In covering the rear during the retreat was his peculiar forte, and this more in it than other items at first distinguished him. As Colonel, he had charge of the rear guard, which dragged itself toward Corinth, after a brilliant prelude of victory, one gloomy afternoon in April, 1862. In the same capacity he "backed" the retirement of BEAUREGARD'S army from Corinth two months afterward. At the battle of Richmond, Ky., he was in immediate command, and his able handling of his troops won for the South one of the most complete victories in the West. His subsequent career, at the battle of Perryville, or Chaplin Hills, and all through BRAGG'S Kentucky campaign, is a chapter of history; and it is a singular fact, although not well known, that to his indomitable energy is due the saving of the immense wagon train of BRAGG'S army at a place called Big Hill. The wagons were actually being packed to be burned, when he proposed and executed a plan by which they were carried over the hill in safety.

At the battle of Stone River it was his division which turned our flank and drove it back four miles. Had BUCKNERISM been up, and had WITHERS been as successful, there is no telling what would have been the results of that terrific battle of Wednesday, Dec. 31, 1862. Gen. MCCOOK was almost entirely cleaned out, and was only saved from complete annihilation by the desperate fighting of SHERIDAN'S division of his own corps, and ROSECRANS'S and ROUSSEAU'S divisions of THOMAS' corps. CLEBURNE also conducted the rear during BRAGG'S retirement from the precincts of Murfreesboro. His division was equally distinguished in the two days' fight at Chickamauga, and again behaved with unparalleled gallantry as the rear guard in covering BRAGG'S rapid retreat from Chattanooga. All through the Atlanta campaign he distinguished himself. At the battle of Franklin, where he closed his career, 29 bullets were shot into him and through his clothes. He led his division up to the very ditch of our works with hell's impetuosity. He rode a white horse, which, as well as himself escaped injury until within a few feet of our works, and here both were killed, the horse and rider both falling into the ditch. No higher compliments have been paid any of the Confederate leaders than have been paid CLEBURNE by Northern correspondents upon many occasions, and I take pleasure in writing this sketch of the misguided hero as a contribution to history.

CLEBURNE'S fame has not been made by puffing or exaggeration. He was a great soldier. His education and experience made him thoroughly acquainted with the smallest details of drill, and he was, without doubt, the best tactician in the Southern army. His thorough familiarity with what he supposed his duty, united with his great courage, naturally inspired his troops with unbounded confidence, and he became eminent in the espousal of really a bad cause.

A GLIMPSE AT THE STATE.

The State of Arkansas, as is known by many, contains some of the richest and best producing cotton-lands in the world. These portions of the State, immediately watered by the White and Arkansas Rivers, and bayous Red Fork and Bartholomew, are unsurpassed by any lands in the country, both in point of wealth and their average yield of cotton per acre. In the production of cotton, now the supreme architect of every investment, the owners of these lands defy a rival; and, I may add, nearly every one of the extensive land-owners whom I have met wish to dispose of portions of their plantations. The facilities offered to capitalists in this section are grand. The planters cannot till their large plantations themselves, and they have wild lands in proportion to those in cultivation. Now, they greatly desire to dispose of a large quantity of this incumbrance, and will do so on easy terms. The pecuniary cost the war brought about renders the planters unable to carry on their large plantations as heretofore; hence it becomes their interest to dispose of this vast amount of land to those who can and will cultivate it. This they will do, and on reasonable terms, if the purchasers will come. There are some magnificent cotton plantations in this section, which can be bought at the rate of from ten to twenty dollars an acre for lands in a high state of cultivation, and from three to seven dollars an acre (one-third cash) for wild lands. There is very little land here that will not raise a bale of cotton to an acre, while some of it yields six and seven hundred pounds.

The State of Arkansas is well watered and timbered. Its chief rivers are the White, Arkansas, and St. Frances. The later enters the Mississippi about two miles above Helena. It rises in Missouri and runs almost parallel with the Mississippi for a great distance, and drains the lakes and cypress swamps along its course. Its whole length is four hundred and fifty miles, about one hundred and fifty of which is navigable. The Arkansas River is the largest tributary of the Mississippi except the Missouri River, although of course not the most important. Below Van Buren the land along the river is very rich and productive, and well timbered. The territory drained by the Arkansas River and its tributaries is estimated at 178,000 square miles. It rises in the Rocky Mountains, and forms a broad and deep stream upon the plains below. To the distance of about four hundred miles from its mouth, it has many lakes and bayous, and the lands in those sections are all rich. It is navigable seven hundred and sixty miles. The White River is navigable for four hundred miles, and passes through a country which produces fine crops of cotton and corn, while some portions of it are rich in minerals.

There are no railroads of much account in this State, although there are several projected of importance—the one from this city to Memphis being the most needed. Gen. REYNOLDS, who is in command here, proposes to build it with colored soldiers and others of that unfortunate race who are being cared for by the government.

The cities of this State are few and far between, and small. Little Rock is the largest city in the State. Like many other Southern cities, it is growing very fast at present, and is improving wonderfully. It contained about three thousand people before the war, but has double that number at present. It is beautifully situated, a high rocky bluff, the first above the mouth of the river, and commands a magnificent and extensive view of the adjacent country. Van Buren, a considerable distance above this city, is said to be a flourishing place, and contains a population of nearly three thousand people. Helena and Napoleon are both smaller places, although located on the Mississippi. There is a fine United States Marine Hospital at the latter place. Both of these cities were inundated last Spring. BEN. C. TRUMAN.

#### GEORGIA.

**Wages for the Freedmen—An Unfortunate Order.**

From Our Own Correspondent.

ATLANTA, Ga., Tuesday, Jan. 16, 1866.

In my recent letters I mentioned the satisfactory manner in which the contracts for labor for the ensuing year were being made throughout this State, of the readiness of the freedmen to contract and of the employers to give reasonable remuneration.

The rates of wages both for farm and house servants varied according to the productiveness of the soil, the skill and age of the servant, the nature of the service rendered and the capacity of the employer to pay. On the seacoast, and in the rich cotton region of Southwestern Georgia, the wages of the farm laborer were of course higher than on the poor thin lands of Northern Georgia; and the wages of skilled house servants in Augusta, Atlanta, Macon and Savannah were properly greater on an average than those of the less competent servants in small towns and villages, where not only are the servants inferior in capacity, but the employers are poor and unable to pay high wages. In the tier of counties north of the Georgia Railroad, from Augusta to this city, $7 to $8 a month for men and $6 to $7 for women, with food, fuel and lodgings, were the average wages agreed upon. All parties were satisfied. I regret to say that all the arrangements hitherto made have been broken up by a recent order from the Freedmen's Bureau of the State, annulling all contracts where the stipulated monthly wages do not amount to over $10 for men and over $8 for women, together with lodging, fuel and board. The order further announces that where the employers decline to pay the minimum wages fixed by the bureau, that institution will provide places for the freedmen on cotton plantations in the Southern States, whether the freedmen desire to stay with their employers or not.

I consider this order as very unfortunate at this time. It is a serious injury to the employer, and a very mistaken kindness to the negro. It may become an absolute injustice to him by forcing him to leave a home which he has selected, and where he is contented with his agreement, near his family, to work on a cotton plantation in a country of which he knows nothing, and under an employer in the selection of whom he has no choice.

Wherever the Freedmen's Bureau attempts to do more than protect the negro from personal ill-treatment and deception, it makes a mistake. When it attempts to decree that all negro men, women and children, irrespective of capacity, locality, scarcity or abundance of labor, and all the other circumstances which control the market value of labor as of any other commodity, it does wrong, creates confusion, and really exceeds its legitimate jurisdiction.

The negro being as free to select his home, occupation and remuneration as any white man, by what authority can the Freedmen's Bureau compel him to go elsewhere against his will, because the employer for whom he has agreed to work is unable to pay, and he does not ask the wages arbitrarily fixed by the Commissioner or his agent? It is legitimate as a police regulation that freedmen should be compelled to work somewhere to prevent their being vagrants or chargeable to the public; but beyond this, unless fraud or deception be practiced, it is difficult to see what interest is subserved by depriving the employer and the employed of their freedom of contract. As well might the bureau order that no freedman butcher in Northern Georgia should sell meat below the current price in Savannah, on pain, should he be unable to get it, of being compelled to make shoes for a year in Mississippi. The house-servant who has contracted to serve for a year for $8 a month, is exactly in that condition. As he has not contracted for $10 a month, and cannot get it where he is, he may be compelled to go to Mississippi to plant cotton.

I am aware that the speculative planters who, with the prospect of 40 cents per pound for cotton, are "resolved to try the free labor experiment for one year" as a purely philanthropic enterprise, have applied to the bureau for a large number of hands, offering very high wages. But is everybody, including the poor negro, to suffer because these individuals want to make cotton and promise large wages?

The order is much to be regretted. It will seriously disturb the interests of the whole people, cause discontent, give just ground of complaint, and prove most oppressive to those whom it purports to protect. The Commissioner of the bureau for this State has hitherto proved so just and discreet in all his regulations, that it is the more to be lamented that he should have allowed himself to be led into so great an error. His object is clearly unattainable. He cannot compel a negro to go to work on a cotton plantation if he is provided for elsewhere and chooses to stay where he is. He can only disturb the question of labor which was rapidly adjusting itself, and that at the time of the year when it was especially desirable that help, and not hindrance, should be given to both parties to the contract.

I have frequently alluded to the kind disposition of the native planters toward their late slaves. I have seen hundreds of proofs of it; and the most convincing evidence I can adduce is the very widespread agreement of the freedmen to remain at their old homes with their former masters. Any attempt to disturb this relation, whether it be from over solicitude, super-serviceable zeal, or anxiety to grow cotton, is neither just nor politic.

The less abnormal authorities interfere in private affairs, the more wise and conducive to future prosperity.

I should be the last to condemn the bureau for protecting the freedmen against oppression of any kind, or against contracts where the consideration for their labor is either insufficient or fraudulent. It is the duty of every honest man to respect the freedman; and did I believe advantage was being taken of their ignorance and want of the commonest business capacity, I would be the first to denounce it. But I know that the reverse is the case. I have witnessed the negotiations for hundreds of contracts. I have heard the freedmen and employers talk separately and announce their hopes and expectations. I don't know an instance where any attempt was made to deceive the negro. I know the people and their circumstances, and am in a position to judge of their feelings, and can assert with perfect confidence that, as a general thing, were the interests of the negro left to the sole control of the planter he would receive just compensation for his labor—by which I mean what labor is worth in the several localities, and not what it is worth on the fertile bottoms of the Mississippi, where one hand can produce more than four or five hands in Northern Georgia. I go hence to Milledgeville to-day. QUONDAM.

#### VIRGINIA.

**Feeling in the State—The Legislature—Miscellaneous.**

From Our Own Correspondent.

RICHMOND, VA., Thursday, Jan. 25, 1866.

Virginia is, beyond dispute, the great centre of Southern opinion; and to time the political pulse of the South Richmond offers more reliable facilities than any other point south of the Potomac. The people of Virginia are more intelligent as a body than those of any other Southern State, and consequently they very naturally take the lead in moulding Southern opinion. When "Virginia retires to consult," the cotton States hold their breath in anxious expectation, and pick up the cue as the F. F. V.'s give it to them. Here in the capital of the indefinitely postponed Confederacy, an ordinary observer finds food for thought in evidences of loyalty, warm and cold, and disloyalty, outspoken and crafty. But with all classes is to be found a respect, freely expressed, for President JOHNSON and his policy of restoration. His adhesion to the great principles for which our armies shed their blood, that States cannot rebel, however many of their citizens make criminals of themselves by overt acts of treason, commands the respect of those who fought against us, and they praise him for his consistency while they laugh at the upholders of the Territorial theory. The radicals of the North refused to recognize the legality of the ordinances of secession during the war, and maintained that the acts of the Confederate government were usurpatory. Now, however, in order to accomplish their contemptible designs they seem disposed to acknowledge that the Union was really broken up. In this fact the "conquered but not subdued" rebels of the South find cause for congratulation and are gratified beyond calculation. The desire of their hearts would be accomplished if our government would recognize them as conquered provinces, thereby giving an air of dignity to their treasonable acts, and as a natural sequence assuming their rebellious debt. To effect this object they are willing to sacrifice many privileges for the present, and even forego the benefits of Congressional representation. "We have no rights; we are a conquered people," is their crafty cry, and without honestly accepting the "logic of events," they are earnestly striving and praying for the success of the radical element in Congress.

The fate of Gov. HOLDEN, of North Carolina, and Gov. PEIRPOINT, of this State, in their efforts to conciliate the war men of their States, is a matter which deserves serious consideration, in consequence of the present attitude of the national administration. Both of the gentlemen above-mentioned have been instrumental in obtaining pardons for their constituents, and have adopted a conservative policy in dealing with the reconstruction question, and both have been repudiated by the very people whom they attempted to conciliate. The apparent animus of the Virginians and North Carolinians seems pointed against the men who were naturally the mediators between them and the great power against which they rebelled. It requires some little effort to reconcile these facts with the hopes and predictions of the President's friends that he will receive such a support from this section as his magnanimity deserves. One thing is certain; the old leaders of the South will never cease in their efforts to maintain their accustomed control of affairs in their respective States. It was expected that a new class of men would be brought to the political surface after the downfall of the rebellion, but such is not the result. The newspapers of the South are edited by their old editors, and the old office-holders or men of sympathetic ilk, have crept back into their old places. The Union and conservative war men have nearly all been set aside, and the governments of the Southern States are managed by officers who made themselves prominent as ultra Southern men during the war. Time alone can demonstrate whether or not the people of the South are capable of ingratitude to the man who now stands between them and the surging waves of tyrannical radicalism. Just now they are profuse in adulation of him and his policy, but self-interest may in the future cause them to repudiate him as they have repudiated his provisional agent in North Carolina.

The Legislature has been grinding, as usual, with local bills in the mill; but during the past week has accomplished nothing of general importance which has not already been published. A bill providing for the admission of negro testimony in cases wherein negroes are interested, has passed the Senate, and will probably come up in the House of Delegates to-morrow. As it now stands, it is much more just toward the freedmen than the laws passed by other Southern States; but it is liable to amendment, and therefore it is not safe to speak of it as the importance of the subject deserves at this time.

A joint resolution has passed both Houses, extending the term of the present session thirty days. The important measures yet to be brought before the Legislature rendered this impositively necessary.

The order suspending the execution of the Vagrant Act, passed by the Legislature, was telegraphed to you last night. It will be seen that Gen. TERRY merely suspended the operation of the law in his department, as he undoubtedly has a right to do, so long as the President does not abolish military law here. In that part of Virginia included in the departments of Gens. HANCOCK and AUGUR the act is still in force, and its provisions will probably be carried out, unless they take measures to prevent it. The Vagrant Act itself is said to be a copy of a Pennsylvania statute, differing from it, however, in the particular of authorizing the use of ball and chain, &c. With this exception the law is, perhaps, unobjectionable, and no one will dispute the necessity for such a law; but the combination of planters in fixing the wages of labor, which is general throughout the whole State, has rendered the suspension of the law an imperative duty on the part of the military authorities. By establishing low rates of remuneration for labor—rates which are merely nominal—and compelling the freedmen to work for such rates or submit to the penalties of the law, the planters secured, to themselves as complete control over the farm hands as they had before the emancipation. The effect of the order will be in the end favorable to the freedmen, because the law will undoubtedly be modified by the Legislature. Many of the members express themselves astonished at the trap into which they have fallen, and as willing to do everything in their power to correct the mistake.

It is due to Gov. PEIRPOINT to say that as the law of the State does not give him any vote power, and does not require him even to sign bills passed by the General Assembly, he could do nothing to prevent its passage. He will, however, use his influence to secure justice to all concerned in procuring a repeal and amendment of the law.

A man who had been "hopping" considerably last night, was heard this morning to say that Virginia is now nearly under *Terry*-torial government. He further remarked that the Legislature had made a *Terry* bull—probably he intended to add mistake, but being overpowered by the horror-stricken countenances of his hearers, he hopped off.

Close upon the "vagrant order" came the following, which provides for the enforcement of its predecessor, and is authorized by Gen. GRANT'S order, issued a short time since, requiring division and department commanders to protect loyal men, &c.:

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF VIRGINIA,
RICHMOND, Va., Jan. 24, 1866.

GENERAL ORDERS, No 5.—All officers in the military service in this department, acting as Superintendents or Assistant Superintendents of the Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, &c., are hereby invested with all the power and authority usually exercised by Provost-Marshals.

By command of Maj.-Gen. A. H. TERRY.

ED. W. SMITH, Assistant Adjutant-General.

Richmond rivals Washington now in the number of its social gatherings, as ever while it struggled for political supremacy. The levees, receptions and "at homes" of the dignitaries at the national capital, gorgeous and gay as they are this Winter, find worthy competitors in the hops and private dancing parties of the capital of the Old Dominion. But the great success of the season was accomplished at the Ballard House, last night, in the way of a "hop" given by the officers of the army on duty in the city. The dining hall, which was arranged for dancing, and was tastefully decorated with our national colors, presented an elegant and attractive appearance. The excellent brass band of the Twelfth Infantry furnished the music, and the gentlemanly and efficient proprietors of the hotel provided refreshments in the most approved style. The attendance was large, and included many of the prominent personages in the city. Gens. TERRY and TURNER and Col. PIERSONS, with their respective suites and ladies, were present, and added greatly to the success of the occasion. The fact that the hop was got en up by army officers did not deter the old residents of the city from participating, except in the cases of a certain clique here, who have, for some time past, been enjoying themselves in exclusive sociables, at which it is understood that Yankees are not tolerated. Suffice it to say that our officers in Richmond have creditably acquitted themselves in their efforts toward social restoration, and have heaped coals of fire on the heads of the unsubdued enemies of the government.

The organization of Fenian Brotherhood has absolutely been mentioned in this correspondence. As I intimated, the Virginia Emeraldites have given their adherence to O'MAHONY, and he, with acostomed perspicuity, has caused to be forwarded to Mr. J. H. MCMILLAN, the Head Centre of the embryo circle, the following letter:

HEADQUARTERS FENIAN BROTHERHOOD,
DEPARTMENT CIVIL AFFAIRS,
No. 32 EAST SEVENTEENTH-ST., N. Y., Jan. 22, 1866.

*J. H. McMillan, Esq.:*

MY DEAR SIR: In reply to your much-esteemed favor of the 20th instant I forward constitution, by-laws, the perusal of which will supply you with the necessary instructions to form a circle of the Fenian Brotherhood. Having elected your officers and received the initiation fee of one dollar from each member, you communicate to these headquarters, forwarding the money received and the names of the officers, when the circle shall be registered in the archives of the Fenian Brotherhood and the commission of the Centre Circle issued to you for. Hoping to hear from you soon, and wishing you every success, I am, with best assurances of esteem, fraternally and respectfully yours,

P. J. DOWLING, Secretary Civil Affairs.

There are in Richmond and vicinity nearly four hundred freedmen who were employed by the Quartermaster's Department of the army during the memorable Ord *régime*, and who have received no pay for their services. The attention of the department has been called to the fact, but as yet nothing has been obtained. Why it is that these poor creatures have been so shamefully neglected and abused, I am unable to say. Some of the freedmen seem to think that their wages have been appropriated by some disbursing officer, and they do not hesitate to mention names. I do not know the amount due them, but as near as I can ascertain it is about fifty dollars to each one. It is proposed to call the attention of Congress to this matter, and undoubtedly a petition will soon be forwarded asking for relief unless the proper authorities in Washington prevent it by properly adopting these claims. E. P. B.

#### CALIFORNIA GOSSIP.

**Steamer Days—Bull-Fights—Outcroppings—Miscellaneous.**

From Our Own Correspondent.

SAN FRANCISCO, Friday, Dec. 29, 1865.

Steamer days come around like quarter-horses; —you scarce think they've been brought up to the score, but the first thing you know, they are coming in on the homestretch.

Christmas is over with us, and I suppose the smell of "stuffing" has pretty well faded away from the air with you. Christmas bells do not ring out so cheerily in our murky atmosphere as they do in the clear frosty mornings with which you are blessed at this season of the year; but in all other things I apprehend our Christmases are much like yours. Turkeys find an uncommon epidemic prevailing among them about these days; the sun rises upon the gobbler in his pride, but evening comes, and the place which knew him once knows him no more forever. He is for the future to be a gobbled, instead of a gobbler; and this makes all the difference in the world. POPE, I think it is, says:

"The pleasure is as great
In being cheated as to cheat."

And, by a parity of reasoning, may we not calculate that

The pleasure is as great
In being eaten as to eat?

(The measure of my quotation brings to my mind an echo of Hudibras; but having once given the credit to POPE, I'll not go back. Perhaps I was thrown upon the wrong track by a memory of the Pope's nose.) Do you know, I really and heartily sympathize with the feathered tribe at this season of the year, though I can scarcely claim kin to any branch of it myself. When I think of their quiet upon their perches, and the stealthy tread and invading hands of the red slayers, I think that never was there a performance upon the *Techelle perileuse* which equaled their quiet displays on the roost.

We have no crisp snow, swift sleighs and tinkling bells here on Christmas, but we have something which you have not—we have bull-fights. Picture it! Think of it! Bull-fights in this nineteenth century?

They are a relic of the old Spanish times, I suppose. But whether they are or not it is certain that on Christmas they came off at "The Willows," a suburban place something like your Jones' Wood, and they are advertised at the same place for New-Years. Of course I went out and attended them. What is the use of living in the world unless you see what is going on? and I have an idea that very little goes on in any town in which I happen to live without my having an eye on, if not a hand in, it.

Well, for our bull fights. A drove of cattle had lately come in from the country, and from that the wildest and most intractable were selected for the sport. They were taken out to the grounds and kept until the day of the festivities. Christmas an amphitheatre was prepared—a sort of gigantic circus ring—and into this a bull was brought. The poor fellow was taken at disadvantage, his horns being sawn off until not much longer than your forefinger. Once in the ring his torments began. The seats around were loaded and crowded with spectators, and he, rather abashed at such a brilliant *début*, glanced timidly around. Men with sharp little spears in their hands, to which red flags were tied, jumped into the ring and drove them into his flesh. This he very naturally failed to understand—the joke was not apparent to him, so to speak, and he looked around for an explanation. In place of explanation came another dart and prod. Bull would snort and lash his tail, and his persecutors, taking the hint, would nimbly jump outside the ring. Now rides our esquire, *torero*, or whatever you call him, into the inclosure. He has a red banner like the guidon which cavalry carry, and a short sword. The bull looks at him in surprise, and doesn't like the looks of the flag he carries. *Toreero* flourishes the flag and spurs toward the bull. Bull gives his tail a vicious lash and presents a dilemma with his two horns to his antagonist. *Toreero* does not choose to adopt either, and wheels his horse short round. Bull retires to his corner and seems inclined to wait until some one calls time. *Toreero* advances, waving his red rag and grasping his short sword. Bull bevels his head, makes one rapid rush, and the next moment all you see of the affair is a mingled mass of hoofs, horns and tail; *toreero* and horse are down and bull is on top, boring away with his blunted horns and wondering why they don't take hold. An inch more of horn, and the lives of horse and rider would have been materially less. At this moment in rushes the bottle-holders—they won't let it be a fair fight, and horse and man are carried away. The latter is breathing heavily and is insensible. He evidently doesn't want any more bull; he's had quite enough beef. Bull, on the other hand, comes up fresh and smiling, with the unconscious air of one who has done good by stealth and blushes to find it fame. Another *toreero* comes in and tackles him, and, I suppose, pretty much the same scene is gone through with; but despairing of seeing a *toreero* killed, and tired and disgusted, I leave, thinking what a pity that the bull's horns were not a little longer and a little sharper. For my sympathies, I am free to own, have been with the bull all the while, and a fatal termination for him would have grieved me more than the "taking off" of either of the other two.

This is a Christian land we live in. Brooklyn cannot beat us in steeples, and I'm proud to say that we've decidedly "got" that City of Churches in bull-fights.

For a verity, I do not think the holidays are going off so well this year as usual. Santa Claus does not bring so valuable presents, nor so many of them. I've rather an idea that the old fellow, like the majority of our spirits, "is broke." Stocks are too low. Look over the mining market report, and you will understand the secret of it all; or if "Podgers" is yet with you, ask him. He knows something about it all. Ask him how is Empire, and eke how is Indian Valley. But "Podgers," you must know, is rich; enormously rich. He rolls in the lap of luxury, to use a new and striking expression. He was born lucky, and that is better than to be born rich as I was. Why, I went with him something over a year ago on an exploring expedition through the mountains. We had a private conveyance, private stores, shot-guns, fishing tackle, and everything to be comfortable. "Podgers" bought an interest in a small mine just opened—I think he paid $25,000 for it. He can now sell for $100,000, and it is pouring out gold as a grist-mill does meal. If I had bought in the same mine it would have gone down so, and the rock would have petered out so far that it could not be used even for cobble-stones. "Podgers," you must know, has made some big strikes. He has been regularly "busted" two or three times, but somehow the first thing any one knew he was on his feet again, and I've an idea that now, he'll stay there.

Our great excitement of late has been the arrival of *Outcroppings*. Probably you have already seen the volume. It was printed East, and consists of selections of California verse. When you know that we have 9,999 poets, and that only 19 found place in the volume, you can readily foreshadow the result. One blended howl has gone up from all who were left out, and as many of them happen to be editors of small interior newspapers, the noise is terrific. Cats on a roof, with the moon at the full, are cooing birds in comparison. Curiously enough not only the compiler of the book, but those whose verses happen to find place as well, come in for abuse. Up in Washoe the row has been most violent. The editor of some paper published at Virginia, wrote several lines some years ago "To one on a Fence" and these were left out, although he sent the editor of *Outcroppings* a copy of them, and a biographical sketch of himself, his age, his looks, and his connections by marriage. He was furious and five columns of a "review," in the peculiar sage brush style were necessary to give his feelings relief. He calls the book an "abortion," a "miserable being," a "sounding;" he calls the editor a "scavenger," a "coward," and the contents are "garbage," "slumgullion." In fact the style of criticism which prevails in this country is not of that order which a refined gentleman would choose to read as he ate his morning muffin. "Pup-stuff," "Yankee flummery"—MATTHEW ARNOLD would sort, I fancy. But do not think that the interior is alone at fault. One of our "literary" weeklies, in a "review" of the book calls

# LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

## THE DELIGHTS OF THE DAY.

### Sleighing and Skating on Saturday—A Gay and Festive Time—The Fascination Fledgeby's and Other People in the Park.

For the first time this season on Saturday and on the day before the sleigh-riding and skate-loving community may be said to have enjoyed themselves to the utmost limit of their capacity in that direction. Neither was it too cold for the full enjoyment of a drive, nor yet mild enough to spoil the surface of the ice for the pupils in podography. Although not so crowded as on Friday, the Park on Saturday was a scene of more than wonted gaiety from early in the afternoon till the approach of midnight. The sleigh-bells jingled merrily along the drives, and the swift skates whistled on the ponds. All the ages and both the sexes were out in sleds and sleighs of every shape and color. Little urchins who had just shed their long clothes, strung on their sleds to passing vehicles, and risked their little lives at every crossing. The blessed boys of butchers and of grocers drove desperately in all directions upon runners regardless of collision as if it were their duty out of doors as in, to cut up carcasses for their customers' accommodation, and deal out compound fractures with a locomotive cleaver. The street and avenues approaching the Park were in good condition and gliding chariots behind prancing steeds rolled into the ocean of exciting pleasure all day long. Well-street sent its fours-in-hand and its feminine representatives with furs and feathers at fabulous figures freighted. Happy mates of millionaires with all the magnificence, and much of the pomp of royalty itself, drove in behind their ebon characteres. The portly comfortable wives of city shopkeepers behind their sleek and well-fed teams, lent goodly countenance to the rushing crowd. Lovers drove in their loves, and mothers their laughing little ones. Snobs, who drive sulkies upon wheels, drove sulkies upon runners in solitary grandeur, giving evidence of locomotion and of how the wind blew in the perfumed clouds, their burning idols flung behind them. Fascination Fledgeby swept gracefully by in pumpkin-tinted gloves and pie-crust colored overcoats. How they simpered, how they dandled the ribbons in their left hands, and with their right made graceful curves in air! Whisking away obtruding crystals from those hirsute lips with little clouds of perfumed lawn, or raising to each passing pretty face, they recognized those glossy files, the last imported. Occasionally a rushing team, guided by a huntress' eye and hand, drove in, flinging a cloud of incense and woman's happy laugh behind. Ha! how the sulkies soured, and drew aside, and how the Fascinations consoled themselves with carbric once again, and wondered "how the deuce gals could enjoy that sort of thing you know. How much better it would be to have a fellah beside them to say a good thing now and then about—about the weather, and all that sort of thing you know?"

Thus did they enjoy themselves, of every age, and sex, and color, on the pleasant close of a week that opened with but little promise of enjoyment. Rushing along the drives with rapid nods of recognition, away for miles, skirting the pleasant lakes, each crowded with its myriad skaters.

Yes, myriads of skaters, so it may be said without exaggeration. Friday and Saturday were the great days of the season. There was scarce room enough on any of the ponds for either rapid or graceful motion. Still they twisted in and out, collided, apologized, fell and grumbled—arose, laughed and went on again. Good humor was King of the feast.

### FIFTH-AVENUE POND,

Even more densely covered, if possible, than the Park lakes, was the pond of the invincible Major. A circle of carriages was described on the banks above in which lay the smiling elderlies looking down upon the innocents below. Crowds of passing pedestrians, too, and journeys on and from the less exclusive region of the Park, stood above, giving frequent ventilation to their plaudits at some surpassing specimen of footicraft below. Banners hung out from the building of the skating club and others tossed in brilliant waves of color from the pole above the entrance. Music rang out above the whistling of skates, and above the merry laughter of happy men and women, boys and girls—and the nimble-footed kept the time. Taken for all in all Saturday most undoubtedly was the most enjoyable day of all this Winter season, and a journey to those happy scenes of innocent enjoyment and renewing health would have rewarded the progressive invalid on crutches. How many there be many such, not invalids on crutches, but pleasant days like Saturday.

## THE PROPOSED TUNNELING OF BROADWAY.

### The Necessity of Relief in Some Shape—The Tunnel in a Sanitary Point of View—How Some of the Objections are Answered.

In a late number of the TIMES, and at considerable length, were given the particular features of the project for running an underground railroad from the Battery to Central Park or further, if necessary. The route, the grades, a description of the tunnel, the motive power, the varied features of the project, were carefully detailed and an estimate given of the probable cost, on the basis of the outlay on the construction of the now successfully working underground railroad in London. The enormously increasing traffic in Broadway and in all the streets and avenues running parallel has become startingly evident. The hourly obstructions occurring in the thoroughfares have so thrust themselves upon public attention, that it at last recognises the absolute necessity of immediate action in one shape or another to remedy this already insupportable yet still increasing evil—an evil which not only materially interferes with the progress of business, but has gone far to deprive our once beautiful promenade, Broadway, of every charm it boasted as the great avenue of the marble palaces of trade. Noisy beyond patient human endurance, dangerous to life of man and beast, it is, during nine hours of daylight at least, a babel of confused ejaculation, the only articulate sounds heard above the incessant din being the blasphemies of the drivers of colliding teams and stages. Necessity alone can induce the pedestrian to stem the torrents of struggling beings which crowd its footpaths, pushing and jolting each other from daybreak to sundown.

The doing away in some measure and by some means, of this aggregate of evils, is no longer a matter for future action, but a necessity loudly crying out for present action. It is to be hoped that out of the many projects now being ventilated, one, at least, will receive the approval of the citizens, and the sanction of the Legislature, before the Winter has passed away, and that the coming Spring will find some thousands of energetic laborers at work, either in the air or under ground, or anywhere that will meet the wants and wishes of the community in this respect.

The plan proposed by the Metropolitan Railroad Company, that which is now before the Legislature for its adoption or rejection, has been freely discussed in the public journals, and some of the objections urged against the scheme were serious and important ones. Not the least so of these were the two following: That the tunnel when constructed would be a huge reservoir for all kinds of nuisances, resulting in the perpetual presence in the city of the seeds of contagious fevers, &c., &c., and the other, less important, that the confusion arising from obstructed traffic during the progress of the work, would be insufferable.

In reply to the first of these objections, we find that the engineer of the projected company, Mr. ROBINSON, claims that the very opposite result to that anticipated, in a sanitary point of view, will be realized by the construction of the tunnel; that it will materially aid in cleansing the city from many of its present impurities, and effect a speedy change in the unhealthy character of the atmosphere in the lower portions of the city. Referring to the report of the gentleman it appears that some important and valuable changes in the drainage of the city are recommended. Although the proposed route of the tunnel under Broadway and Fifth-avenue represents very nearly the water-shed of the island as far as Central Park, it does not appear form the dividing line of the drainage. That Mr. ROBINSON proposes to make it Broadway from the Battery to Twenty-fifth-street, where the tunnel turns under Fifth-avenue, at present has no continuous sewer. Indeed, two-thirds of the distance is wholly without sewer of any kind. The drainage is effected by pipes running from the various cross streets to the sewers in the cross streets leading east and west into the two rivers. It is recommended that the company shall, with the consent of the Croton Aqueduct Board, lay down two small sewers, one on each side of the arch of the tunnel throughout the whole route, forming connections with all the side street sewers. By making the street-line sewers, sending from the centres of the blocks of buildings to their outlets into the cross streets, Broadway and Fifth-avenue, it is claimed, will be entirely free from the noisome effluvia which obtrudes itself in hot weather, even into these well-swept and carefully-kept aristocratic neighborhoods, and a more perfect system of drainage than that now inaugurated.

The imperfect drainage of the metropolis has been the subject of much discussion of late years, especially on the approach of or during the apprehension of any epidemical or contagious disease, but no steps of a decided and practical nature have been taken to remedy the evil. Mr. CRAVEN, the Chief-Engineer of the Croton Aqueduct Department, in a report laid before the Legislature last session, drew the attention of that body strongly to the subject, representing the condition of our city drainage as a disgrace to the community. This scheme to remedy this evil, as advanced by the Metropolitan Railroad Company, is at least deserving of consideration. They claim for it not only feasibility, but that it is the cheapest method of effecting the object, as they propose to do a great portion of this labor at their own cost.

Canal-street has been regarded as a real engineering difficulty. This the company's engineer proposes to dispose of by sinking a sewer four or five feet deeper than that at present in existence, for a short distance through Elm, Pearl and Chatham streets, thus, he says, turning into the East River the whole drainage of the district lying east of Broadway at this point and formerly occupied by the Collect Pond, instead of following Canal-street, until now done, to the North River. This effected, it would certainly facilitate the drainage of this at present unhealthy portion of the city, by making Broadway or the tunnel the dividing line. We are informed that at high tide the water flows all the way up the great Canal-street sewer, from the North River, spreading itself through the network of sewers east of Broadway—a state of things which certainly ought not to continue, whether we have or have not the tunnel. With these statements of their intentions in regard to improved drainage the Metropolitan Railroad Company endeavor to answer the objections urged against the tunnel as an epidemic breed. They further claim to have provided against the possibility of impure air of any kind, however generated, remaining in the tunnel, part of their plan being the providing of numerous ventilators along the route as contemplated that by those on one side of the tunnel the pure air from its greater specific gravity is introduced, expelling from the other the slightest gaseous impurity. The plan of this construction appears to be as conclusive as it is simple.

The second grave objection before alluded to is also met, and we leave it to our readers to judge whether it is an argument of any weight or not. Much inconvenience, as has been said, is anticipated during the progress of the work in obstructed thoroughfares. There are two plans proposed to avert this inconvenience or to materially lessen it. It is proposed by one of these to take up one side of the street it a time, leaving the other for use, taking a block here and there; then to lay one of the sections of the tunnel by making a deep cutting similar to the manner done in constructing sewers, by using street piling; this completed, then restoring the earth and pavement, and laying down the other side in like fashion. After which the centre of the street would be taken up and the arch put on, and the pavement being restored with the water and gas mains and sewers completed, the excavation would be carried on through the cross streets by means of carts, &c. The last thing would be to put in the invert or bottom of the tunnel. The other method is one originally suggested by H. B. WILLSON, one of the direc tors of the Metropolitan Railroad Company. He does not claim, however, originality for his plan, having seen it in successful operation in similar works in Europe. He proposes to bridge over the whole street for a block at a time, so that the traffic may not be interrupted even for a single day. The excavations would be performed underneath this bridge, and precede the construction of the masonry. He claims that the advantage of this plan would be that the whole—not a part only—of the street would be available for traffic except for a few hours during the night, required to remove the bridges from one block to another, in the same manner as the shifting of the planks from a pontoon bridge.

In this manner are some of the objections set aside, or at least partially disposed of, about as much as can be expected, particularly in the objection of interfered with traffic, as it would be unreasonable to hope that such a gigantic labor could go on beneath our feet without giving some evidence on the surface of its existence.

## ANOTHER CASE OF ILL TREATMENT ON SHIP-BOARD.

### A Seaman Dies from Fever, Exposure and Neglect—Inquest on the Body by Coroner Gover, and Censure of the Quarantine Authorities by the Jury.

An inquest was held on Saturday by Coroner GOVER, at the Hospital on Ward's Island, on the body of CHRISTIAN ANDERSON, a seaman belonging to the ship *John Bright*, which arrived at this port from Liverpool, during last week. The deceased, it appears from the evidence in the case, had both of his feet severely frost-bitten, and also suffered from the effects of ship fever. On the arrival of the ship at Quarantine, ANDERSON was quite exhausted by his illness and barely able to speak. While in that condition he was placed, with a number of the passengers, on board the tug *Rattler*, and conveyed to Ward's Island Hospital, for treatment. During his passage up the river, a distance of over fifteen miles, scarcely any covering was given him to preserve the warmth in his body, and but slight attention was paid to his wants or condition. On his arrival at the Island the unfortunate man was found in a dying condition, and death ensued soon after he was placed in the Hospital ward.

The following is the evidence adduced before the Coroner's Jury, and their verdict based upon the same:

TESTIMONY OF JEREMIAH O'NEIL, HOSPITAL ORDERLY.

I am orderly in Ward No. 1 in the hospital on this island; on the 24th of this month the deceased was brought to my ward by the man who drives the wagon employed for the purpose of bringing sick patients to the hospital, and upon examination it was found that he was dead; I was told that deceased was a seaman on board the ship *John Bright;* this is all I knowabout the deceased; I do not know anything relative to his illness, or the cause of his death; I was told that the name of deceased was John Anderson.

TESTIMONY OF HERMAN GULEKE, RESIDENT PHYSICIAN.

I am resident physician on the island; I saw the deceased brought to the hospital on the 24th inst., at about five o'clock in the afternoon; I spoke to him several times and could get no answer from him; I examined the deceased at that time and found that his feet were badly frost-bitten, and there was no circulation below the upper portion of the calf of the leg; I ordered him up to the ward to apply restoratives, before he could be conveyed there he died; I have endeavored, but could not ascertain how deceased came to be frost-bitten; in my opinion, deceased came to his death by fever and exposure.

TESTIMONY OF HENRY ROGERS, THE WAGON DRIVER.

I am wagon driver for the hospital on this island; on the 24th of the present month I went down to the dock to get some sick patients, and I found the deceased in the boat-house, lying on his back; the chaplain of the island was in attendance on him; I had him conveyed from the boat-house to the wagon, and I took him to the reception office, and there saw Dr. Guleke, and he told me to take deceased to ward No. 1; I accordingly took him there and he was taken to the hospital; I did not examine him at that time, but soon after I heard that deceased was dead.

TESTIMONY OF BRYAN MURPHY, A WATCHMAN.

I am watchman on the island and attend to the arrival of the sick in the boat; on the 24th instant I first saw the deceased on the steamboat that brought him from quarantine; he was in a very bad and feeble condition, unable to help himself, and no one paying any attention to him; the place he was lying in was on the deck under the wheel-house bridge, and cold and wet; I examined him and found him badly frozen in both feet; there were no stockings or shoes or any hat on deceased, nor any covering except his pants and a sailor's blouse to keep him warm; the place where deceased lay when I saw him was much exposed and very unfit for even a well and hearty person to be in, let alone one in the sick and helpless condition of the deceased; with the assistance of Mr. Duffy, I took deceased and carried him on the boat-house, and carefully covered him up with the rugs, wrapping it about his feet and making him as comfortable as possible; I then helped to place him in the wagon which took him to the hospital; in about an hour afterward I heard of the death of deceased; the name of the steamboat that brought deceased to the island was the *Rattler;* I heard that deceased was a seaman on board the ship *John Bright.*

TESTIMONY OF EDWARD J. DUFFY, WATCHMAN.

I am watchman on this island, and am also employed to attend to the sick coming to the island, and to pay proper attention to them until they are taken to the hospital; I first saw deceased at between four and five o'clock on the afternoon of the 24th inst., on board of the steamboat *Rattler*, that had brought him from quarantine; at that time deceased was lying on the deck, barefooted and barebeaded, and with no covering on him whatever to keep the cold from him; the place where he was lying was no fit place for a person to be in, in so sick and weak a condition as deceased's; I assisted to carry deceased to the boat-house, and helped to make him as comfortable as possible, placing him at the same time near the fire; the deceased was so prostrate that he could not speak; the wagon then came and deceased was taken up to the hospital, and in a short time after I heard deceased had died.

TESTIMONY OF MARY GAVIN, NURSE.

I am assistant to the sick arriving at this island; I saw deceased on the 24th inst. while he was on board the steamboat *Rattler*; he was lying exposed on the deck with no covering over him; I thought him then in a dying condition; he was taken from the steamboat to the boat-house, and then conveyed to the hospital and died immediately on getting there.

TESTIMONY OF JAMES P. FAGAN, SUPERINTENDENT.

I am Superintendent of Ward's Island; my business is to receive all patients as may be sent to me by orders of the Health Officer of the Port from Quarantine; the deceased, whose name I believe to be Christian Anderson, and, as I understand, was a seaman on board of the ship *John Bright;* from Liverpool, was sent here on the 24th inst., by the steamer *Rattler*, together with some ten or fifteen passengers, all of whom arrived in a very helpless condition, and the permit was signed, "Dr. Walker, Deputy Health Officer;" deceased died in a very short time after his arrival; it is the duty of the Health Officer to transmit all fever patients to this island.

TESTIMONY OF JOHN LYNCH, PASSENGER.

I was a passenger on board the ship *John Bright;* I saw several others, deceased included, put on board a steamboat off Quarantine to come to this island; he had no hat, boots or stockings on; it was very cold on board, there being neither beds nor fire; deceased had nothing to cover over him; and was brought here lying on the deck of the steamer; I thought he would die from his exhausted condition; I came on this island on the 24th instant.

No other evidence offering, the case was then submitted to the jury, when they rendered the following

VERDICT.

"That CHRISTIAN ANDERSON, the deceased, came to his death by exhaustion, by ship's fever and exposure. We further censure the authorities at Quarantine for transporting fever patients in such an exposed manner; we further recommend said authorities to send a fit and proper person with all such patients, who will pay a proper regard to their condition while in transition to the hospital on Ward's Island."

SAMUEL MCGAW, JOHN DOUGHERTY,
WILLIAM TAYLOR, THOMAS SMITH,
JAMES CAHILL, THOMAS FARRELLY.

The deceased was a native of Sweden, and 36 years of age.

## POLICE COURTS.

### Jefferson Market—Before Justice Dodge.

RECOVERY OF STOLEN GOODS.

Officer SANLES, of the Eighth Precinct, arrested JOHNSON HUNT, a colored man, on Saturday, having in his possession a large trunk, which was subsequently found to contain a quantity of household linen, wearing apparel and drugs, all supposed to have been stolen. On being brought before the Court yesterday morning HUNT was committed for further examination. The goods found in the trunk remain at the Eighth Precinct station house, corner of Prince and Wooster streets, for identification.

TOO MANY SWEETS.

Roundsman KNIGHT, of the Ninth Precinct, arrested THOMAS O'BRIEN, better known to the police as "Dead Tom," a cauliker, on a charge of having stolen two barrels of sugar, valued at $76, from the sidewalk in front of the premises No. 750 Greenwich-street, which are occupied by CHARLES W. SHERWOOD. In the affidavits it is alleged that on Saturday O'Brien drove up in front of the store with a horse and cart, and very coolly rolled the barrels away and lifted them into his cart, and was about driving off when he was given into the custody of the officer, who brought him before the Court. On being arraigned O'BRIEN stated that he had been hired by a man unknown to him to cart two pianos, and that while passing the store of Mr. SHERWOOD that man told him to stop and take up the barrels of sugar. He was committed for trial without bail.

## Essex Market—Before Justice Shandley.

A BURGLAR CAUGHT.

During Saturday night WILLIAM SMITH, a butcher, broke into the grocery store No. 104 Canon-street, by forcing open the rear door. After securing what small change remained in the drawer, the burglar helped himself to a quantity of meat that was purchased by the proprietor, Mr. CLARKINS, who intercepted him, and gave him into the custody of Officer BERGHOLD, of the Eleventh Precinct. The prisoner was committed to stand his trial in default of bail.

## COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS.

### Sentences for the Month of January, 1866.

John Reilly, misdemeanor; fine $30.
James Powers, grand larceny; not guilty.
Benjamin Chapin, petit larceny; Penitentiary 6 months and fine $100.
John McCormick, petit larceny; Penitentiary 6 months.
Michael Hein, attempted burglary, third degree; suspended.
Elias Bosley, attempted grand larceny; suspended.
Beni Genet, grand larceny; State Prison 5 years.
Wm. Meyer, robbery, first degree; not guilty.
Francis Odell, attempted grand larceny; suspended.
Adam Dick, attempted burglary; fine $50.
Henry F. French, attempted grand larceny; Penitentiary 1 year.
Richard Casey, grand larceny; State Prison 2 years.
Peter Mullen, attempted burglary; City Prison 1 year.
Edward Brown, burglary third degree; State Prison 5 years.
Eugene Meenan, grand larceny; State Prison 5 years.
Theodore Schulin, burglary third degree; State Prison 3 years.
Charles Henry, grand larceny; State Prison 5 years.
Joseph Burns, grand larceny; Penitentiary 6 months.
John Jones, attempted grand larceny; State Prison 2 years.
Daniel O'Connell, grand larceny; State Prison 2 years.
James Robertson, burglary third degree; State Prison 1 year.
Wm. Henry, petty larceny; Penitentiary 6 months and $100.
Louis M. Isaacs, grand larceny; not guilty.
Wm. Jameson, attempted grand larceny; suspended.
Thomas McGlinn, grand larceny; not guilty.
Edward Roddy, forgery second degree; not guilty.
Joseph W. Barrow, attempted grand larceny; House of Refuge.
Wm. Piggott, assault with dangerous weapon; suspended.
Joseph Wallen, attempt at grand larceny; State Prison 2 years.
John Phillips, grand larceny; State Prison 5 years.
Thomas Hennessy, petit larceny; State Prison for 5 years.
Thomas Howard, burglary, third degree; State Prison for 15 years.
Charles Brown, burglary, third degree; State Prison for 15 years.
Joseph Preston, attempted burglary, third degree; State Prison for 2 years and 6 months.
William H. Thompson, grand larceny; State Prison for 4 years and 6 months.
William Meyer, grand larceny; suspended.
John Sheridan, attempted burglary, third degree; State Prison for 2 years.
Charles Smith, attempted burglary, third degree; State Prison for 2 years.
Charles Garten, grand larceny; not guilty.
John Coate, embezzlement; not guilty.
James Smith, attempted burglary, third degree; State Prison for 2 years and 6 months.
John Williams, attempted burglary, third degree; State Prison for 2 years and 6 months.
James Farley, attempted burglary, third degree; suspended.
Thomas Burke, attempted burglary, third degree; State Prison 2 years 6 months.
Augustus Baker, grand larceny; State Prison 2 years.
Albert Gardner, grand larceny; State Prison 3 years.
John Hicks, burglary third degree; State Prison 4 years 6 months.
Francis Marmond, forgery fourth degree; State Prison 2 years.
George Standt, forgery fourth degree; State Prison 2 years.
John O'Connor, assault with a dangerous weapon; suspended.
Robert Williams, violating pilot law; suspended.
James Harrington, burglary third degree; not guilty.
William Johnson, burglary in the third degree; State Prison 2 years.
Patrick Quinn, petty larceny; suspended.
John Rogan *alias* Grogan, grand larceny; State Prison 3 years.
Jacob Ross, attempted grand larceny; Penitentiary 1 year.
Antonio Carette, grand larceny; House of Refuge.
Thomas Cunningham, attempted grand larceny; suspended.
Thomas Booth, forgery in the fourth degree; suspended.
Joseph Peregge, attempted burglary in the third degree; suspended.
Edward Mills, violation of Registry Law; State Prison 1 year.
James Quinn, burglary in the third degree; State Prison 5 years.
John Delaney, grand larceny; not guilty.
David Hauseman, attempt at grand larceny; suspended.
Philip Preusel, attempt at grand larceny; suspended.
Richard Wilson, attempt at grand larceny; Penitentiary 6 months.
George Williams, attempt at grand larceny; suspended.
David Haley, attempt at grand larceny; Penitentiary 6 months.
David Schooler, attempt at grand larceny; State Prison 2 years and 6 months.
Joseph Martin, assault with dangerous weapon; State Prison 3 years.
George Hamilton, attempt at grand larceny; State Prison 2 years and 6 months.
Robert G. Drew, assault and battery with intent to kill; not guilty.
James Mulligan, petit larceny; Penitentiary 6 months, $100.
Laura Brennan, petit larceny; Penitentiary 6 months.
Thomas Hayes, attempted grand larceny; State Prison 2 years.
Henry A. Ham, grand larceny; State Prison 2 years.
John Goodman, manslaughter; State Prison 2 years.
Thomas Whitley, petit larceny; Penitentiary, 6 months.
John King, burglary third degree; State Prison 5 years.
George Smith, burglary second degree; State Prison 10 years.
Margaret Brown, attempted grand larceny; Penitentiary 1 year.
George Keppler, petit larceny from person; State Prison 5 years.
John Fitzgibbons, attempted grand larceny; State Prison 2 years and 6 months.
Michael Gallagher, attempted grand larceny; State Prison 2 years and 6 months.
Joseph Eaton, receiving stolen goods; State Prison 3 years and 6 months.
Morris Meyers, assault and battery; fined 6 cents.
Wm. H. Sands, attempted burglary third degree; State Prison 2 years.
Margaret Brady, attempted grand larceny; State Prison 2 years and 6 months.
Daniel Mulligan, burglary first degree; not guilty.
John Barrett, burglary first degree; not guilty.
John McGinley, burglary third degree; State Prison 3 years.
Edward Nolandé, burglary first degree; State Prison 20 years.
Wm. Brown, grand larceny; State Prison five years.
David Anderson, attempted burglary third degree; suspended.
Edward Hussey, attempted burglary third degree; suspended.
John McKenany, petit larceny from person; not guilty.
Joseph Coulter, burglary third degree; State Prison 5 years.
Charles Stivers, grand larceny; not guilty.
Andreas East and Ferdinand Seigler, assault and battery; suspended.
Robert Kelly, assault and battery, with attempt to kill; not guilty.
John C. W. Schotel, assault and battery; suspended.
Emil Gerolini, assault and battery; suspended.
Samuel B. Vance, assault with a dangerous weapon; fined $10 each.
Daniel Johnson, robbery first degree; not guilty.
Caspar Hoefer, assault and battery; suspended.
Charles Heyler, assault and battery, with intent to kill; not guilty.
Alexander Hodge, assault and battery; suspended.
Wm. Illingworth, burglary third degree; State Prison 4 years.
Henry Muller, burglary third degree; State Prison 5 years.
Charles Borsche, attempt at grand larceny; suspended.
Terrence Lynch, robbery first degree; not guilty.
George F. St. Albyn, grand larceny; not guilty.
Henry Cunningham, burglary third degree; State Prison 4 years.
Thomas Wilson, burglary third degree; State Prison 2 years.
Matilda Caseedy, petit larceny; Penitentiary 6 months $100.
Martha Greene, attempt at grand larceny; State Prison 2 years and 6 months.
W. M. D. Conkling, attempt at grand larceny; House of Refuge.
Terrence Quinn, attempted grand larceny; State Prison 2 years and 6 months.
Frans Khundy, grand larceny; State Prison 2 years.
Kate Werner, grand larceny; Penitentiary 1 year.
Peter W. Mulford, grand larceny; not guilty.
Henry Suhler, grand larceny; not guilty.
James Martin, grand larceny; State Prison 5 years.
Michael Madaos, grand larceny; State Prison 5 years.
Michael Sullivan, petit larceny; House of Refuge.
Augusta Pontow, attempted grand larceny; State Prison 2 years.
Charles Rogers, attempted grand larceny; State Prison 2 years.
James Smith, attempted grand larceny; suspended.
Patrick Reilly, assault and battery; suspended.
Conny Hahn, forgery fourth degree; suspended.
Morris Johnson, grand larceny; State Prison 5 years.
John Edwards, attempted grand larceny; State Prison 2 years.
Charles Winzer, attempted grand larceny; State Prison 4 years and 6 months.
Anthony Hansbeeman, grand larceny; not guilty.
Thomas Hoppel, attempted grand larceny; State Prison 2 years and 6 months.
Charles Haydt, petit larceny; Penitentiary 3 months.
Jacob Meyer, forgery, second degree; not guilty.
Thomas Gray, petit larceny; Penitentiary 6 months.
Charles Torrance, petit larceny; Penitentiary 6 months.
Richard Wilson, attempted burglary third degree; House of Refuge.
John Reid, attempted grand larceny; suspended.
Wm. Barrows, attempted burglary third degree; suspended.
Mary Delaney, forgery fourth degree; State Prison 2 years.
James Johnson, attempted burglary third degree; State Prison 2 years 6 months.
Dennis Flannagan, attempted burglary third degree; State Prison 2 years 6 months.
Fenton Simpson O'Brien, perjury; State Prison 1 year.
Michael Mackey, assault and battery; Penitentiary 1 year, $100.
Wm. Smith, attempted grand larceny; State Prison 2 years.
Charles Parker, attempted grand larceny; suspended.
James Logan, forgery fourth degree; suspended and remanded.
Robert Michol, assault and battery; suspended.

SUMMARY.

State Prison, for twenty years, 1; State Prison for fifteen years, 2; State Prison for ten years, 1; State Prison for five years, 16; State Prison for four years and six months, 3; State Prison for four years, 2; State Prison for three years, 6; State Prison for two years and six months, 14; State Prison for two years, 21; State Prison for one year, 4; Penitentiary one year, 3; Penitentiary one year and fine of $100, 1; Penitentiary six months and fine of $100, 4; Penitentiary six months, 3; Penitentiary three months, 1; House of Refuge, 5; City Prison one year, 1; suspended, 39; acquitted, 29; fined $50, 1; fined $30, 1; fined six cents, 2. Total, 159.

## LAW REPORTS.

### Court Calendar—This Day.

SUPREME COURT CHAMBERS.—Nos. 8, 9, 44, 47, 56, 58, 84, 86, 107, 128, 164, 171, 172, 188.

SUPREME COURT—GENERAL TERM.—Adjourned to Feb. 3, at 11 A. M., to render decisions.

SUPERIOR COURT—TRIAL TERM—*Part I.*—Adjourned without day. *Part II.*—Adjourned for the term. The Special Term of this court will be continued the present week, by Justice MCCUNN.

COMMON PLEAS—*Parts I. and II.*—Adjourned for the term. Judge Brady will continue the Special Term and Chambers during the week.

## COURT OF CLAIMS.

### Gen. Fremont and the Department of the West—The War Making Power—Its Exercise—Department Commanders and Government Contracts—The Commission to Investigate the Affairs of Gen. Fremont's Department—Its Authority to Adjudicate and Cut Down Claims—Release—Compromise—Estoppel.

Chief-Justice Casey Presiding.

*Benjamin Higdon vs. The United States, and Five Other Cases.*—These five cases, involving no essential difference of principle, are by agreement tried together, or, upon a single brief. It is agreed also that the decision of any of them, so far as that decision may settle a principle involved in any other of the cases, shall be considered as decisive of all the cases to which it is similar. The trial commenced on Tuesday last and was concluded on Thursday.

The particular facts of each case are as follows: Higdon claims, under a contract in writing with Messrs. R. M. Corwine and John E. Reeside, Government Agents, (the latter being "inspector of horses," by appointment of Gen. Fremont,) by which he was to furnish and deliver, on the cars at Cincinnati, sixteen hundred horses—six hundred of which were to be No. 1 artillery horses, all dark colors, and the balance mixed artillery, cavalry and wagon horses—and all at one hundred and thirty dollars per head. Under this contract he furnished twelve hundred and seventy horses, and received vouchers therefor in the usual form at the rates agreed upon.

Upon the organization of the noted Holt, Davis and Campbell commission in St. Louis, to investigate the affairs of Gen. Fremont's department, Higdon presented his vouchers to them, but had the misfortune to have his claims cut down from $130 per head for horses to $115. For the sum due after such deduction, he was given vouchers by the commission upon which he subsequently received his money by appropriation of Congress. He was, however, compelled to sign the following receipt before he could get the vouchers for the amount awarded by the commission, which he did under protest: "The undersigned acknowledge to have received the vouchers referred to and described below, which, when paid, will be in full of all demands against the United States on account of their respective claims set opposite their several names." This was a voucher prepared for signing generally by all claimants whose claims were reduced, following it in each case was a statement of the account and the sum deducted. The sum deducted in Higdon's case was $21,345, to recover which he sues. He also claims $10,140 for seventy-nine horses furnished, for which he had not received vouchers at the time of going before the commission with his claim. Samuel J. Morgan claims $7,830; the amount of his claim was cut down by the commission, under a contract for furnishing horses at the same rates.

Oliver H. Gregory claims $5,010, the amount deducted from his claim under a similar contract for furnishing horses at $125 per head.

A. L. Mowry claims $17,500, the amount deducted from his claim under a contract with Gen. McKinstry, Chief Quartermaster in Gen. Fremont's department, for furnishing fifty box and fifty platform cars, at $825 each for the former, and $700 each for the latter.

John E. Reeside, the above-named "inspector of horses," claims for commissions and cash expended ($385 50) the sum of $20,876 62, under the following appointment:

HEADQUARTERS WESTERN DEPARTMENT,
ST. LOUIS, Aug. 11, 1861.

SIR: Having confidence in your knowledge and experience, I hereby authorize and command you as inspector of horses for this department, holding you responsible that every animal passed by you shall be equal in value to the price paid.

You will be allowed 2½ per cent. commission.

J. C. FREMONT,
Major-General Commanding.

JOHN E. REESIDE, Inspector of Horses.

The Colonel did not submit his claim to the commission, as all the others did, and therefore now claims for the full amount. He remained inspector until his appointment was revoked by order of Gen. Halleck in December, 1861.

The claimants submitted the following points in support of their claim, and in respect to the points of law involved:

It will be observed, in the first place, that all these claims find their origin in the Western Department, while commanded by Maj.-Gen. J. C. Fremont.

In the second place, they are for supplies furnished that department, or work and labor done for it, in pursuance with arrangements made with military officers of that department.

In the third place, it is not denied that the supplies furnished and the work done were necessary, proved profitable and were acceptable to the authorities of the United States immediately charged with that business.

In the fourth place, it is obvious that the Holt-Davis Commission, which allowed and ordered paid portions of all these claims, save two, had no other evidence of authority for the purchase and delivery of property by these parties, except that found in the contracts made in pursuance with Maj.-Gen. Fremont's orders.

In the fifth place, it appears that all the parties to whose allowances the Holt-Davis Commission were compelled to sign receipts in full for the money paid them on those accounts, or, they were told, they could receive nothing, and in one instance one of the commission threatened in advance to report against the claim if the owner would not consent to sign a receipt in full for whatever the commission might allow him, have entered into all contracts and all signed such receipts under protest, denying the legality of the proceedings of the commission, and also expressly disclaiming the right or authority of the commission to curtail their accounts or impose such terms upon them with respect to the receipt of the money awarded.

In the sixth place, the Holt-Davis Commission possessed no judicial power, were clothed with no legitimate authority which authorized them to enter judicial judgments or final decrees whereby legal rights, before that time established, could be impaired or diminished, in whole or in part, the said commission being merely a board of accounts, created by the Secretary of War, to assist him in auditing accounts. There was no law authorizing their appointment or conferring jurisdiction of any kind on them.

In the seventh place, Major-Gen. Fremont was ordered by the Commander-in-Chief of the army and many to assume exclusive command of the Western Department as a military district, and, when he assumed that command, war was already a fact in many parts of the command. He was clothed with all the authority of a commander of a military department, having special authority from the President, as the Commander-in-Chief, to do and exercise all needful authority, to the end that he might accomplish the purpose for which the President had sent him there.

In the eighth place the necessity that these contracts should be made at the times and under the circumstances was apparent—the immediate peril to public interest and the pressing demands upon Gen. Fremont, from all parts of the command, being the controlling considerations for making them.

In the ninth place the government is estopped from denying the authority of Gen. Fremont by its acts of recognition of that authority; first, by the Holt-Davis Commission; second, by the resolution of Congress directing the payment of awards of the commission; third, by the repeated recognition of John E. Reeside as a government inspector, by Capt. Terrill, Acting Quartermaster, and by Major-Gen. Allen, Chief-Quartermaster of the Western Department, both while Gen. Fremont was in command, and afterward while Gen. Halleck was in command; and fourth, by the order of Gen. Halleck revoking and annulling his authority "to purchase or inspect horses, &c., or to allow a per centage," &c., thus recognising him as a legal officer, enjoying the authority thus taken from him.

*First*—Major-Gen. Fremont was clothed with all the authority necessary to make these contracts.

He was appointed by the President of the United States to command the Military Department of the West. A portion of it was in a state of war when he assumed command. His power was unrestricted. Whatever the Commander-in-Chief might do in that department, Major-Gen. Fremont might do also.

The President conferred special as well as general authority on him.

He could, and it was his duty to do everything needful to carry out the object of his command.

He was furnished with no adequate pecuniary means, and was compelled to buy property from those who would sell it for government was without the ready cash.

If he deemed it necessary for him to create agents to effectuate this grand end, his right to appoint them was co-existensive with the exigency of the case, and a necessary incident of the general power, and also the end designed.

All contracts made were made by him through his agents, and are expressly referable to him and through him to the President of the United States, the source of all military power in this country.

Thus, if he had the authority to buy property for military purposes, and he acted, the act was legal, whether it was wisely or unwisely done, and the government must assume all the consequences. The people who dealt with him in good faith cannot suffer, but must have their legal rights enforced, more especially when the government enjoyed the benefits of their patriotism.

Every act of his done in the government with the sanctity thus conferred upon him, was valid and bound the government.

No usage of the War Department, or any other branch of the government, for the more management of such department, in reference to the mode of making purchases and supplies in the army, could order or do they might deem necessary for supplies of every kind, and in every instance the same has been recognised and held valid.

Here Gen. Fremont, deeming these supplies necessary for his armies, ordered them and directed commanders under him to make them. He exercised the power and authority vested in him by the Commander-in-Chief and the usage of the army, and so far as the parties who furnished the supplies under these contracts are concerned, what he did is conclusive against the government and cannot be denied, and these contracts must be enforced.

During this war it is known, as part of its history, that but for the exercise of this authority and power by commanders, the movements of whole armies would have been imperiled and often paralized, to the great injury of the nation's cause.

In the early struggles with this monster rebellion, the government had no pecuniary means and very little credit with those who furnished supplies, and often the people came to the rescue and supplied the national wants, in a great measure, upon the good faith and credit of our commanders. The cases under consideration afford the highest evidence of this fact. These supplies were furnished to the Western Department by these parties with the full knowledge that Gen. Fremont was not in funds, either through his quartermasters or otherwise, but they relied on the good faith of Gen. Fremont and the ultimate justice of their government.

Col. Reeside testified that he was not furnished with means to purchase horses during all the time he was in engaged Cincinnati, but purchased entirely on credit. It is a part of the history of the country that Gen. Fremont and his officers, while administering the department, found little sympathy with some of the authorities at Washington, but, on the contrary, almost from the very beginning, there was the most extraordinary warfare carried on against them, the result, doubtless, of misapprehension and mistaken zeal. The report of the Committee on the Conduct of the War is full of evidence to establish the correctness of this conclusion. Notwithstanding this strange spectacle, the persons herein represented, and many hundreds more, responded to Gen. Fremont's call for the sinews of war, and up to the very last moment of his administration supplied him with them for his armies. The government took the benefit of the contracts he thus made.

It will be further noticed that Gen. Fremont was all along advised of the views of the Administration, through Hon. Montgomery Blair, Postma

The trade of the past week was active in the line of import entries and export clearances. The amount of foreign merchandise upon which customs duties were paid, is larger than the value of the new entries; the stock in bond being reduced in preparation for the Spring trade. The customs reach $3,226,040, which would imply that about $6,500,000 goods had been placed on the market. The exports of produce reach nearly five millions. The export of bullion continues limited to the gold and silver bars recently received from California. The foreign exchanges, even with interest advanced to 8 ₱ cent. in London, continue below the point at which it would pay to ship American gold coin. The price of gold advanced 1 ₱ cent. during the week on the expectation of higher exchange and the large daily demand to pay in for customs. The figure is yet below 140 ₱ cent., and the belief that the government will come in as a seller again should the price advance much above that point, represses active speculation in the gold-room.

The Stock Exchange has been bearish on the railways, and lower figures were reached on nearly all the New-York and Western roads. At the close of the week there were some indications of a turn in the market. The government stocks were generally dull at the Exchange, and some use was made of the Wall-street draft of a new funding bill sent to a member of the Committee of Ways and Means, against the 5-20's, and even 7.30's, although the theory of the scheme is to help the latter.

The import entries for the past week, including the dry goods return in our last paper, amount to $4,629,628, as against the total entries of $2,965,177 same week last year. The export clearances of domestic produce amount to $4,860,386 against $6,333,668 same week last year. The export of specie amounts to $656,812 against $897,136 same week last year. The customs for the week are $3,226,040. The receipts of cotton, eastwise and by railroad, are 28,801 bales. The number of emigrant passengers arrived during the week, 3,498.

The gold value of the import entries of foreign merchandise at New-York since July 1, 1865, are officially (to Nov. 1) and semi-officially (since) reported as follows—the small entries of foreign specie being omitted:

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| July | $18,908,198 | Dec. 9 | 3,844,698 |
| August | 24,293,836 | Dec. 16 | 6,754,948 |
| September | 22,480,272 | Dec. 23 | 6,483,572 |
| October | 23,126,178 | Dec. 30 | 4,449,445 |
| Nov. 1 | 5,375,13[illegible] | Jan. 6 | 4,189,468 |
| Nov. 11 | 6,174,80[illegible] | Jan. 13 | 4,871,730 |
| Nov. 15 | 5,807,795 | Jan. 20 | 6,480,883 |
| Nov. 25 | 7,193,622 | Jan. 27 | 4,629,628 |
| Dec. 2 | 5,163,622 | | |

Total to date since July 1. $160,378,621
Against same time last year. 89,462,156

Increase since July 1. $ 70,916,623

The currency value of the exports of domestic produce and miscellaneous goods, including foreign articles reexported, since July 1, 1865, are:

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| July | $12,812,078 | Dec. 6 | $6,676,619 |
| August | 14,681,077 | Dec. 13 | 4,501,103 |
| September | 10,758,854 | Dec. 20 | 5,449,445 |
| October | 21,272,945 | Dec. 27 | 3,076,073 |
| Nov. 8 | 6,127,156 | Jan. 3 | 6,004,861 |
| Nov. 15 | 4,031,533 | Jan. 10 | 4,441,559 |
| Nov. 22 | 5,022,750 | Jan. 17 | 5,033,993 |
| Nov. 29 | 3,940,226 | Jan. 24 | 4,866,386 |

Total to date since July 1. $122,383,644
Same date last Fiscal year. 141,046,915

Decrease since July 1. $18,663,249
Gold, Jan. 27, 1866. 139¼ @ 140 cents.
Gold, Jan. 28, 1865. 215 @ cent.

The exports of gold and silver from New-York since July 1:

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| July | $723,968 | Dec. 9 | 460,098 |
| August | 1,586,298 | Dec. 16 | 1,450,994 |
| September | 2,484,973 | Dec. 23 | 462,389 |
| October | 2,616,226 | Dec. 30 | 268,994 |
| Nov. 4 | 1,000,077 | Jan. 6 | 1,035,077 |
| Nov. 11 | 198,400 | Jan. 13 | 640,853 |
| Nov. 18 | 1,010,483 | Jan. 20 | 635,814 |
| Nov. 25 | 723,516 | Jan 27 | 656,812 |
| Dec. 2 | | | |

Total to date, since July 1. $14,503,047
Same date last fis al year. 24,329,709

Decrease since July 1. $9,736,662

The deliveries of gold from California at New-York, since Jan. 1, 1865, are:

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| July | $1,092,801 | Dec. 2 | $2,519,988 |
| August | 1,951,206 | Jan. 2 | 876,467 |
| September | 1,445,138 | Jan. 9 | 1,858,610 |
| October | 2,479,097 | Jan. 16 | 892,856 |
| November | 1,952,873 | | |

Total since July 1. $18,901,145
Same date last fiscal year. 8,958,699

Increase since July 1. $4,931,537

The customs received in gold and the interest on the public debt of the United States, at the New-York office of the Treasury since July 1, 1865, are:

| Customs Received. | | Gold Interest Paid. | |
|---|---|---|---|
| July | $8,908,198 | July | $3,774,387 |
| August | 13,180,400 | August | 464,675 |
| September | 12,037,082 | September | 4,117,419 |
| October | 11,764,409 | October | 1,985,583 |
| November | 10,138,801 | November | 4,943,786 |
| December | 6,378,338 | December | 2,783,694 |
| January 2 | 2,170,607 | January 6 | 2,203,412 |
| January 13 | 2,934,696 | January 13 | 1,189,789 |
| January 20 | 2,756,583 | January 20 | 574,102 |
| January 27 | 3,226,040 | January 27 | 279,842 |
| Total | $76,741,630 | Total | $28,751,697 |

COURSE OF STOCK EXCHANGE FOR WEEK:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| American Gold Coin | 138½ | @139¾ |
| U. S. 6 cents, 5-20 years | 103¾ | @103⅝ |
| U. S. 6 cents 10-40 years | 98⅜ | @98⅝ |
| New-York Central | 89@89⅝ | @91⅝ |
| New-York and Erie | 88¾ | @91⅝ |
| Hudson | 137 | @138 |
| Michigan Southern | 70⅛ | @68¾ |
| Michigan Central | 126 | @126 |
| Illinois Central | 100¾ | @101¼ |
| Cleveland and Pittsburgh | 86⅝ | @86¾ |
| Fort Wayne and Chicago | 93¾ | @93¾ |
| Chicago and Northwestern | 31¾ | @28¾ |
| Canden Quicksilver | 41¾ | @39 @40 |
| Mariposa Gold | 13¾ | @12½ |
| Cumberland | 45¾ | @44 |
| Reading | 101¾ | @99 @99¾ |
| Northwestern Preferred | 67 | @64¾ |
| Canton Land Co | 44¾ | @44 |
| Ohio and Mississippi Certificates | 26@34¼ | @26 |

The price of gold fell back ¼ per cent. Saturday, and bills on London left off, for the morning steamers, less firm than on Friday before the *Persia's* news. The financial advices from England show an improved feeling in the London money market, and an advance of 1 ₱ cent. on United States 5-20s on gold last advised from this side at 143 ₱ cent. The old 5-20s recovered in this market to 108 ₱ cent., and the other government securities were firm. The rates for money to the Brokers 5@6 ₱ cent., on a moderate demand. The government has been paying 6 ₱ cent. on currency deposits, ten days' notice after thirty days, and these deposits have come in so freely of late that the Treasury balances here have run up, (including the gold balances,) to about *ninety millions*, which is an unprecedented total in the New York office. We have reason to believe that on and after Thursday, Feb. 1, the rate of interest on new deposits, ten days' notice after thirty days, *will be reduced to five per cent.*, and it is probable the New-York office, pursuant to solicitations on the subject, will also allow 4½ ₱ cent. on a limited amount of deposits, left on call, that is, to be withdrawn without notice, to accommodate the country National Banks, and other parties preferring demand certificates, at this rate, to ten days' notice after the deposits have remained for thirty days at the higher rate.

We believe that this reduction of the rates allowed at the Treasury will tend to the increased ease of the money market after the 1st proximo, as the government has been the principal borrower at 6 ₱ cent. and larger daily sums have been voluntarily left with the New-York office of late than its current disbursements actually demand. The limitation, by law, to the temporary deposits on interest at all the offices of the Treasury is $150,000,000, more than two-thirds of which has again been reached, after a falling off in October and November to $88,000,000.

The railway market shows a further recovery to-day, and the feeling late in the day was rather buoyant than otherwise, although the *short* interest is so very large, from the recent sugar downward speculation, that the turn of the market is resisted with much pertinacity. The miscellaneous shares are also looking firmer.

At 4 o'clock the following quotations were made as compared with Friday P. M. Some heavy sales of Erie were pressed at the close of the day, on Broad-street, down to 80¾ ₱ cent. ex-dividend, being a decline of ¾ ₱ cent. from the opening sales of the day. The price subsequently recovered to 81½ ₱ cent., but the unexpected movement adversely affected the remainder of the railway list. Gold recovered to 139¾ ₱ cent.:

| | Fri. | Sat. |
|---|---|---|
| U. S. 10-40s | 92¾ | 93 |
| U. S. 5-20s | 102¾ | 103 |
| U. S. 7.30s | 99 | 99 |
| N. Y. Central | 91¾ | 91¾ |
| Erie | 83¾ | 81½ |
| Hudson | 101½ | 101¾ |
| Reading | 97¾ | 99 |
| Mich. Southern | 70¾ | 69¾ |
| Illinois Central | 116 | 116 |
| Pittsburgh | 78¾ | 78¾ |
| Prairie du Chien | 68 | 68 |
| Northwest | 29½ | 29¾ |
| Northwest Pref | 44½ | 44½ |
| Rock Island | 86 | 86 |
| Fort Wayne | 93¾ | 93¼ |
| Cumb'land Coal | 44 | 44 |
| Quicksilver | 39 | 40 |
| Mariposa | 13¾ | 13¾ |
| Canton | 44 | 44¼ |
| Ohio Certificates | 34½ | 35 |
| American Gold | 139¾ | 139¾ |
| Bills on London | 109¾ | 109¾ |

The following bids were made for the city bank shares:

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| New-York | 105 | Hanover | 100 |
| Manhattan | 150 | Irving | 107 |
| Merchants' | 110 | People's | 112 |
| Union | 113 | Nassau | 108 |
| America | 135 | Shoe and Leather | 105 |
| Phœnix | 95 | Corn Exchange | 110 |
| Tradesmen's | 150 | Continental | 95 |
| Merchants' Exch'ge | 102 | St. Nicholas | 106 |
| State of New York | 105 | Commonwealth | 100 |
| Commerce | 104¾ | Importers' & Traders' | 98 |
| Mechs' & Trad's Assc'n | 100 | Park | 114 |
| Broadway | 225 | N. Y. National Ex. | 114 |
| American Exchange | 112½ | Central National | 108 |
| Pacific | 155 | Fourth National | 97¼ |
| Chatham | 132 | Ninth National | 107 |

And the following for the railway mortgages:

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|---|---|---|---|
| N. Y. Cen. 6s, 1883 | 91½ | Chi. & N. W. Ex. B | 78 |
| N. Y. Cen. 7s, '76 | 103 | Chi. & N. W. 1st M | 74 |
| Erie 1st M., '65 | 89¾ | Lack. & West'n Bonds | 98 |
| Erie 7s, 3d mort., '77 | 101¾ | Del. L. & W. 1st M | 102¼ |
| Erie 7s, 4th mort., 1880 | 74 | Del. L. & W. 2d M | 102 |
| Buf. N.Y. & E. 1st M. '77 | 94 | Tol. & Wab. 1st M. Ex | 90 |
| Hud. R. 7s, 1st M. '63 | 99 | Tol. & Wab. 2d M | 73 |
| Hud. R. 7s, 3ds. S.F. '85 | 103 | Chi. & Chic. Ext | 101 |
| Harlem 3ds, '65 | 93 | Cleve. & Tol. S. Fund | 96 |
| Mich. Cen. 8 p. c. '69-72 | 110 | N. J. Central 1st M | 103 |
| Mich. C. & W. 1st M. 8's | 112 | Pitts., Ft. W. & C. 1st M | 100 |
| Chi. R. I. & P. 6s, 1st M | 91 | Pitts., Ft. W. & C. 2d Mort | 90 |
| Mich. Sc. 7 ₱ c. 2ds | 87 | Miss. & Mo. R. 1st M | 89 |
| Ill. Cen. 7 ₱ c. 1875 | 107 | Chic. & Al. 1st M | 93½ |
| Alton & T. H. 1st M | 90 | Chic. & Miss. 1st mort | 75 |
| Alton & T. H. 2d M. pf. | 80 | Peninsula R. R. bonds | 75 |
| Chi. & N. W. S. F. | 91 | Mil. & St. Paul 1st M | 75 |
| Chi. & N. W. 1st B. | 92 | Chi. & Mil. 1st M | 84 |

The annual statement of the Atlantic Mutual Insurance Company will be found elsewhere. A dividend of 35 ₱ cent. has been declared on the net earned premiums. Interest on the outstanding certificates and 50 ₱ cent. of the issue of 1863 will be paid on and after Tuesday, the 6th of February next. The marked-off premiums for last year amount to $6,764,146 38.

The day's business at the Office of the Assistant Treasurer of the United States was as follows: Receipts, $2,310,172—including for Customs, $603,000; on account of Loan, $486,000; Coin certificates, $706,600. Payments, $3,404,220. Balance, $89,810,618.

The Prairie du Chien Company are prompt to pay the February dividends on both classes of preferred shares, and this fact, with the increased traffic of the road for the year just closed, will insure the extinguishment of the remainder of the mortgage bonds, (less than $400,000,) by conversion in February and the drawing of the sinking fund in April, and thus open the way to dividends on the common stock.

## GENERAL MARKETS.

New-York, Saturday, Jan. 27, 1866.

The receipts of the principal kinds of Produce since our last, have been: 15 bbls. Ashes, 5,533 bbls. Flour, 100 bbls. and 1,151 bags Corn Meal, 600 bushels Wheat, 9,200 bushels Corn, 5,400 bushels Oats, 1,188 bbls. Pork, 125 pkgs. Cut Meats, 380 pkgs. Lard, 486 bbls. Whisky. The week's receipts have been as follows:

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Ashes, bbls. | 65 | Malt, bush | 34,075 |
| Cotton, bales | 28,801 | Pork, bbls. | 7,626 |
| Flour, bbls. | 24,643 | Cut Meats, pkgs | 1,143 |
| Corn Meal, bbls. | 638 | Lard, pkgs | 3,950 |
| Corn Meal, bags | 18,527 | Beef, pkgs | 743 |
| Wheat, bush | 76,500 | Whisky, bbls | 2,719 |
| Corn, bush | 50,304 | Seed, bags | 4,849 |
| Rye, bush | 1,189 | Dressed Hogs, No | 10,668 |
| Barley, bush | 1,021 | Live Hogs, No | 19,180 |
| Oats, bush | 5,400 | | |

ASHES—Pots are quiet yet steady at $7 09¾@$7 75 ₱ 100 lbs. Pearls continue scarce, quiet and nominal. Stock in the Inspection warehouse, 1,140 bbls., including 1,068 bbls. Pots and 72 bbls. Pearls.

COFFEE—Has been in good request and buoyant. We quote: Java at 27¼c.@28¾c.; Maracaibo at 21¼c. @23¼c.; Laguayra at 21½c.@23c.; Rio at 17c.@21c.; Native Ceylon at 20¼c.@24½c.; and St. Domingo at 17¾c.@18c., cash, in gold, ₱ lb.

COTTON—Is in good demand at buoyant prices. Middlings, 48a.@50c. ₱ lb. Sales and resales since our last 4,100 bales. The receipts at this port during the current week have been 27,801 bales, making 76,479 bales since Jan. 1, 1866, and 519,586 bales since the commencement of the current Cotton year, Sept. 1, 1865. The exports from the port since Tuesday last have been 2,313 bales; since Jan. 1, 1866, 43,034 bales; and since Sept. 1, 1865, 223,153 bales. The week's operations in this market Messrs. CONSTABLE & JAMESON notice thus: "Our market for the week has been dull and heavy, with a decided decline from the prices of last week. The advices received on Saturday by the *Nova Scotia* and *Aria*, from Liverpool, being unexpectedly unfavorable, shook the faith of holders and operators in middling and prices at once ruled in favor of buyers. Further unfavorable advices received on Thursday by the *Hibernia* had the effect still more to depress the market, buyers demanding a concession of two to three cents ₱ pound, which holders are hardly prepared to grant. There is, however, a good amount of cotton offering, and an increasing disposition on the part of holders to realize, the faith in future high prices growing decidedly weaker. The transactions are confined almost exclusively to exporters and speculators, the demand from spinners being very light. The following table shows the receipts of Cotton at Liverpool during the years 1864 and 1865, as well as the rapid increase of production in foreign countries:

| | 1865. Bales. | 1864. Bales. |
|---|---|---|
| From the United States | 289,000 | 192,892 |
| From South America, mainly Brazil | 120,000 | 253,414 |
| From South America, mainly Peru | 66,000 | 27,059 |
| From Egypt | 316,000 | 224,440 |
| From Turkey and Greece | 68,000 | 47,454 |
| From China and Japan | 125,000 | 210,790 |
| From Madras and Bengal | 182,000 | 166,151 |
| From Africa | 5,000 | 1,699 |
| From (Surat) or East Indies | 213,000 | 208,413 |
| From West Indies, Hayti, Laguara, Demarara, &c | 84,000 | 29,574 |
| Total | 1,413,000 | 2,203,963 |
| Stock 18th December, 1865 | 348,000 | |
| Stock 18th December, 1864 | 487,000 | |

DRY GOODS—The Dry Goods Exchange report to-day is as follows: Jobbers' prices: Brown Sheetings—Stark A, 31¼c; Stark M, 27c.; Stark O, 25c.; Pepperell E, 26c.; Pepperell R, 27c.; Pepperell O, 25c. Bleached Shirtings—Wamsutta, 47c.; Langdon 32-inch, 40c.; Langdon 36-inch, 35c.; Langdon 38-inch, 28c.; Red Bank 36-inch, 27c.; Red Bank 32-inch, 26c. Prints—Merrimack W, 26c.; Merrimack D, 25c.; Richmond, 23c.; Amoskeag, 21¼c.; Arnold, 20¼c.; Wamsutta, 19c. Fabrics—Hamilton Woolen Company, 29c.; Hamilton Manufacturing Company, 25c. Ginghams—Lancaster, 30c.; Hartford, 26c. Cambrics—Washington, 23c.; Portland, 19c. Brown Drills—Pepperell, 22c.; Stark A, 30c. Corset Jeans—Pepperell, 36c.; Bates, 26c. Canton Flannels—Hamilton, 47¼c.; Laconia F, 42¾c. Ticks—Omega A, 46c.; Omega B, 36c.; Omega O, 30c. Stripes—York, 42c.; Exeter, 29c. Denims—Pearl River, 54c.; New-York, 40c. Hoop Skirts—Bradley's Duplex Elliptic and Empress Trail—prices unchanged. Meyer's I X L in fair demand. The following dispatches have been received at the Dry Goods Exchange to-day: St. Louis—Trade tolerably quiet. Louisville—Trade during the week fair, but no activity; prices unsettled. Philadelphia—Cotton goods firm, but not active; woolens steady; market quiet. Baltimore—Market quiet, with no material change in prices; buyers disposed to hold off. Boston—No change to report; business small. Providence—Nothing doing; prices without change.

FLOUR AND MEAL—State and Western Four has been in limited demand to-day, at about previous prices. Sales since our last 7,100 bbls., including very inferior to choice Superfine State and Western at $6 85@$7 40; inferior to choice Extra State at $7 70@$8 35, chiefly at $8 10@$8 25; round-hoop Extra Ohio, inferior to good shipping brands, at $8 45@$8 65 ₱ bbl. We now quote:

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|---|---|---|
| Superfine State and Western | $6 85 | @$7 40 |
| Extra State | 7 70 | @ 8 35 |
| Extra Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, &c. | 7 80 | @11 00 |
| Extra Ohio, round-hoop, ship'g brands | 8 45 | @ 8 65 |
| Extra Ohio, trade and family brands | 8 65 | @11 25 |
| Extra Genesee | 9 30 | @11 25 |
| Poor to very choice extra Missouri | 9 20 | @15 00 |
| Southern Flour is unaltered to-day; sales since our last 500 bbls., in lots, at $8 75@$10 for poor to good, and $10@$15 25 for good to very choice extra brands, ₱ bbl. Canadian Flour continues quiet but steady; sales 250 bbls. Extra at $7 90@$11 ₱ bbl. Rye Flour is dull and heavy, including Superfine at $5@$6 ₱ bbl. Corn Meal is heavy and quoted down to $4@ $4 15 for Western, $3 90@$4 for Jersey, and $4 45 for Brandywine, ₱ bbl. Sales 1,450 bbls.

GRAIN—Wheat has been quiet, but held firmly. Sales since our last, 14,000 bushels, including amber Spring, in store, @$1 74; and inferior new amber Michigan @$1 75 ₱ bushel. Corn is heavy and drooping. Sales since our last, 63,500 bushels at 79c. @80c. for unsound, and 82¼c.@83c. for sound Mixed Western, in store and delivered, and 83c.@86c. for Yellow, ₱ bushel. Oats continue in good demand and buoyant, including Canada at 59c.@60c.; Jersey and Pennsylvania at 56c.@58c.; Old Western at 58c.@60c.; New Western at 53c.@56c. ₱ bushel. Rye continues quiet; 1,100 bushels sold @$1 08c. Barley has been neglected. Barley Malt is inactive.

HAY—North River bale is in fair request at 80c.@ 95c. ₱ 100 lbs.

HOPS—Continues in very moderate request, including last year's crop at 25c.@65c., and two years' old at 15c.@45c. ₱ lb.

HIDES—The week's receipts have been heavy, having reached 151,778 hides; sales have been made of only 46,027 Hides—the latter including, according to Messrs. WEIBEL & WEIDEMEYER, 6,300 Buenos Ayres, 23@24 lbs., 20c., gold, usual selection; 3,400 Buenos Ayres, 23¾ lbs., 19¾c., gold, usual selection; 15,000 Montevideo, part to arrive, 21@21½ lbs., 18c.@ 19¾c., gold, usual selection; 6,300 Rio Grande, 21@ 21¾ lbs., 17c., gold, usual selection; 4,000 Caltao


## DRY GOODS.

AT KINNEY'S

WET GOODS,
DAMAGED BY THE VOYAGE
STEAMER CITY OF LONDON,
A CARGO OF ASSORTED GOODS.
200 PIECES BLACK AND COLORED ALPACAS.
200 PIECES BLACK DE LAINES.
1,000 WEDDING DRESS PATTERNS.
250 NEEDLEWORK HANDKERCHIEFS.
1,000 DOZEN LINEN HEMSTITCHED HANDKERCHIEFS.
1,000 LINEN TOWELS.
ALL DAMAGED BY SALT WATER.
SHEETING LINENS, &c.
TABLE LINENS, &c.
LINEN DAMASK.
JACONET MUSLINS.
FIGURED BRILLIANTS.

2 CASES LINEN CRAPE.
2 CASES LADIES' LINEN HANDKERCHIEFS.
1 CASE GENT'S LINEN HANDKERCHIEFS.
9 CASES LINEN AND COTTON HANDKERCHIEFS, 12½c.
GENT'S LINEN HANDKERCHIEFS.
1 CASE WET GLOVES.
1 CASE GENTS' COTTON HALF-HOSE.
2 CASES GENTS' COTTON AND LINEN HALF-HOSE.
2 CASES LADIES' COTTON HOSE.
DAMAGED GOODS.
HEAVY BLEACHED SHIRTING MUSLINS, 25c.
HEAVY BROWN SHEETING MUSLINS, 25c.
600 PIECES WET BLEACHED MUSLINS.
600 PIECES WET UNBLEACHED MUSLINS.
1,000 PIECES WET PRINTED MUSLINS.
100 PIECES WET LINENS.
BALMORAL SKIRTS, $1 25.
1,000 YARDS BLUE SILK AND TISSUE, 50c.
1,000 YARDS CALICOES, CHEAP.
BY ORDER OF THE INSURANCE COMPANIES.
3,000 YARDS SPRING GOODS,
ALPACAS,
SLIGHTLY DAMAGED,
FROM AUCTION ON MONDAY.
3,000 YARDS BLEACHED CANTON FLANNELS, 25c.
3,500 YARDS BROWN CANTON FLANNELS, 25c.
1,500 YARDS TWILLED FLANNELS, 25c.
2,000 YARDS WHITE SHAKER FLANNEL.
2,000 YARDS SCOTCH PLAID AND STRIPED POPLINS, 31c.
1,500 YARDS WOOL CHAMBRAYS, 25c.
2,000 YARDS PARAMATTAS, 25c.
2,000 YARDS SPRING CASHMERES, 25c.
3,000 YARDS RICH DRESS GOODS, half-price.
MERINOES AND ALPACAS.
100 PAIRS WOOL BLANKETS, cheap.
KID GLOVES, 25c. & 50c.
KID GLOVES, 75c.
3,000 PAIRS GLOVES, all kinds, cheap.
BEST PINS, &c. paper.
BEST NEEDLES, 3c. and 5c. paper.
SPOOL COTTON, full length, 3c.
LARGE SPOOLS OF SILK, 2c.
GENT'S SILK NECKTIES, 25c.
2,500 PAIRS ENGLISH CORSETS, spotted, 12½c.
3,000 PAIRS GENT'S KNIT WOOL HALF-HOSE, 25c.
2,000 PAIRS LADIES' MERINO HOSE, 25c.
GENT'S SILK NECKTIES, 25c.
HEAVY WOOL SHIRTS AND DRAWERS, 75c.
LADIES' AND CHILDREN'S LEGGINGS.
CLOSE OUT FINE STOCK OF VELVETS.
CLOSING FLEMISH STOCK OF TRIMMINGS.
WM. KINZEY,
221 and 223 Eighth-avenue,
Between Twenty-first and Twenty-second streets.

PARIS.
LA COMPAGNIE LYONNAISE
BOULEVARD DES CAPUCINES, 25 AND 27,
AND RUE NUEVE DES CAPUCINES, 16.

SILK STUFFS.
MANTLES, VISITES, CLOAKS, &c.
PRINTED MUSLINS.
LACE.
INDIA CACHEMIRES.
FRENCH SHAWLS.
FANCY TISSUES.

The COMPAGNIE LYONNAISE has the honor to inform American ladies that they will find at their establishment warerooms for the immediate CUTTING OUT AND MAKING OF DRESSES in the first style of fashion and most elegant manner.
WEDDING OUTFITS.

Since its foundation the COMPAGNIE LYONNAISE has not ceased to occupy itself particularly in the selection of articles of taste and of superior quality. Consequently this company is unrivaled in Paris, and enjoys a universal reputation.

RICH BALL DRESSES
and
LLAMA POINTS,
just received from Paris.
A. T. STEWART & CO.,
Broadway and 10th-st.

A. T. STEWART & CO.
Will open on Monday, Jan. 29,
CHECKED SILKS
AND SLEEVELESS JACKETS TO MATCH,
SPRING STYLES.
Also,
PONSON'S BLACK TAFFETAS, &c.,
Broadway and 10th-st.

A. T. STEWART & CO.
Will continue, during this week,
THE SALE OF THEIR
POPULAR STOCKS
OF DRESS GOODS,
preparatory to opening
AN ELEGANT ASSORTMENT
of
SPRING STYLES.

NEW CARPETS, UPHOLSTERY
AND HOUSEKEEPING GOODS
in great variety.
Just opened at retail.
A. T. STEWART & CO.,
Broadway and 10th-st.

AT LEGRAIN'S.
Just received, a full assortment of Light and Dark Colored Moire Antiques,
At $3 50 per yard; worth $5 50.

Astrocan Cloth for Skating Jackets,
At $3; reduced from $4 50.

MOURNING GOODS.
Opening, this week, of the best assortment of Black Mourning Goods ever offered in this market. These Goods, arriving rather late for the season, will be sold very low.
LEGRAIN, No. 729 BROADWAY.

LEGRAIN
Respectfully announces to the ladies that he has just received a large and varied assortment of WHITE and COLORED CLOAKS
In the latest styles, for RECEPTIONS, BALLS and SOIREES!!! at popular prices.
"Great reduction in Cloth Cloaks and Skating Jackets."
No. 729 BROADWAY,
Corner Waverley-place.

SPECIAL NOTICE.
OUR PRESENT STOCK OF MOURNING GOODS will be offered for the next 30 days at a great reduction, previous to receiving our Spring importations. The stock comprises everything desirable for mourning, at prices which must secure the most economical.
BENJAMIN BROTHERS,
No. 251 Broadway, between Spring and Prince-sts.

HEADS! HEADS!! HEADS!!!
AND FANCY GOODS.
M. F. BROWN, Importer,
No. 186 Pearl-st., New-Y.

AT GEORGE KEYES', No. 363 8TH-AV.—Great sale of bleached and unbleached shirting and sheeting, canton flannels, ginghams, prints, drapes, wool flannels, blankets, &c., for two weeks. Previous to taking account of stock we will sell muslin at 20c., worth 30c.; a like case to-day 25c., at 35c., worth 45c.; at 25c., worth 37½c.; at 33c., worth 42½c.; at 40c., worth 50c. The above muslins were bought two months ago, when prices were at the lowest point, and are now worth at wholesale from 5 to 10 cents per yard more. Our prices are the same. No advance.


## DRY GOODS.

CLOSING OUT SALE
FOR
THIRTY DAYS.

800 ps. VELVET RIBBON, at 50c. per piece, worth $1 00
500 ps. VELVET RIBBON, at 75c. per piece, worth 1 25
500 ps. VELVET RIBBON, at $1 per piece, worth 2 00
300 ps. VELVET RIBBON, at $2 per piece, worth 4 00
FANCY RIBBONS,
SUITABLE FOR SASHES, SCARFS, TIES, &c.
800 ps. RIBBON, at 10 cents per yard, worth 25 cents.
800 ps. RIBBON, at 25 cents per yard, worth 38 cents.
800 ps. RIBBON, at 3 shil'gs per yard, worth 7 shil's.
100 ps. RIBBON, at 50 cents per yard, worth $1 00.
200 ps. RIBBON, at $1 per yard, worth $1 50.
REMNANTS.
VELVETS, SILK, SATIN and PLUSHES,
selling off at less than
HALF PRICE.
REAL VALENCIENNE LACES,
BLACK THREAD and GUIPURE,
AT
COST PRICE.
FRENCH FLOWERS,
FOR
BONNETS
AND THE
HAIR,
CLOSING OUT, REGARDLESS OF COST.
200 LINEN COLLARS and SLEEVES,
at 50c. per set, worth $1 25.
100 dozen LINEN HEM-STITCHED HANDK'FS,
at 50 cents.
CORSETS REDUCED FROM
$2 00 to $1 00.
DRESS TRIMMINGS, ORNAMENTS, BUTTONS,
ALL AT REDUCED PRICES.
J. BLUXOME,
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FOURTEENTH-ST. AND SIXTH-AV.
SPRING TRADE, 1866.
NEW-YORK MILLS,
WAMSUTTA,
LONSDALE
and other favorite makes of
MUSLINS, SHEETINGS, LINENS,
HOUSEKEEPING GOODS, WHITE GOODS,
FARLATANS, LACE CURTAINS,
CURTAIN MATERIALS AND LACES,
AT VERY LOW PRICES.
HOSIERY AND GLOVES,
LACES AND EMBROIDERIES,
RIBBONS AND TRIMMINGS,
MILLINERY GOODS,
LINEN HANDKERCHIEFS,
CORSETS AND HOOP SKIRTS.
LADIES' UNDER WEAR,
TUCKED SKIRTS, &c.,
FANCY GOODS,
NOTIONS, BUTTONS, &c.,
AT LOWER PRICES
THAN AT ANY TIME DURING THE LAST YEAR.
A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF
LADIES', GENTS AND CHILDREN'S
BEST QUALITY KID GLOVES.

A STORE FOR LINENS ONLY.
MILLIKEN & CO.,
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DEAL EXCLUSIVELY IN LINEN GOODS,
and always keep a good assortment of the best makes of
IRISH,
SCOTCH,
BARNSLEY,
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and GERMAN
LINEN GOODS,
mostly of our own importation, and sell them at reasonable prices.
EVERY ARTICLE SOLD IS WARRANTED PURE LINEN.

HOSIERY AND GLOVES,
UNDERGARMENTS,
CENTRAL PARK
Stockings, gaiters, mittens, muffers, hoods, &c.
Prices reduced.
at ELGER'S,
No. 625 and 627 Broadway, near 19th-st., east side.

## SITUATIONS WANTED.

FEMALES.

WANTED—BY A PROTESTANT GERMAN GIRL a situation to do the housework in a small family; is willing to assist in the washing; has no objection to go to the country. Call for two days at No. 64 Sullivan-st., near Canal.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY A SMART young girl, 17 years of age, to assist in housework; will be found trusty, an excellent nurse, and very quick and neat at sewing; has unexceptionable recommendations from her last employer. Apply at No. 129 Adelphi-st., Brooklyn. City or country.

WANTED—A SITUATION AS SEAMSTRESS and operator on Wheeler & Wilson's sewing machine, or as children's maid and seamstress; advertiser understands all kinds of family sewing; has first-class city reference; is a Protestant. Address, for two days, E., No. 76 Madison-st.

WANTED—A SITUATION AS HOUSEKEEPER by a widow who is competent and willing to take the entire charge of a family; a home for herself and daughter is more desired than wages; good reference given. Inquire at No. 3 Henderson-place, Bunny-st., Jersey City.

WANTED—WASHING, BY A COMPETENT first-class laundress; does all kinds of fine washing and fluting; also, family washing carefully done; good references. Call at No. 56 West 30th-st., in the store. Inquire for Mrs. CAIN.

WANTED—BY A PROTESTANT WOMAN, A situation as nurse and seamstress; is fully competent in the care of children; has good city reference. Can be seen at the Protestant Agency, No. 128 4th-av., near 18th-st.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY AN INTELLIgent German person who has had experience in housekeeping and family sewing, in the above capacities. Call or address L. HABERKORN, No. 304 Bowery, third floor.

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THIS MORNING, Jan. 29, commencing at 9 o'clock, Exhibition of FRENCH, ENGLISH and FLEMISH PICTURES.

## NEWS OF THE DAY.

### GENERAL NEWS.

From the Matamoras *Ranchero* of the 1st inst. further details of the capture of Bagdad were received, with the additional report that Gen. CANALES, of the Liberal army, had counseled his men to accept no aid, or in any way to affiliate with the Yankee filibusters. The previous representations of the lawless and freebooter character of the Bagdad affair are confirmed. Property that could not be readily conveyed across the river was destroyed, and it was reported that two American ladies were killed, and two children on their way to market robbed and murdered by negroes. Several Frenchmen, citizens of Bagdad, had been assassinated.

The Matamoras *Ranchero* of the 7th publishes calls by the two Consuls of Great Britain and France for meetings of their respective citizens, to meet at the consulates on urgent business, "to receive an important communication, and to adopt such measures as may appear to them advisable."

The planters of South Carolina, like those of Louisiana, are taking active measures to prevent all leasing of land to negroes. A resolution lately adopted at a meeting of landowners, says: "It is the sense of this meeting that any landowner renting land to negroes, to be worked free from the control of himself or some responsible agent, is, in the present condition of the negroes of this district, pursuing a course ruinous to them and highly detrimental to the peace of the community and the interests of the whites; that we bind ourselves not to infringe the letter and spirit of these resolutions, and to discourage the infringement by others as far as our influence extends."

The New-Orleans *Picayune* of the 20th, states that several gentlemen who have traveled lately through Texas, concur in the opinion that there will be a very large crop of cotton raised in that broad State this year; some, in fact, think the crop will be larger than in any previous season. Their statement is that the freedmen are generally hiring for the year, while the high prices of cotton have stimulated the large number of small farmers throughout the State—the thousands of Germans, especially, who have done without negro labor for some years—to devote their energy and skill to the cultivation of the fleecy staple.

Letters received here from Charleston, S. C., represent that there are still 2,000,000 bales of cotton in the South; they also state that there is great activity in the sale of this product, and that notwithstanding the impression generally prevalent as to its scarcity, it is steadily being brought into the market. The prospect of securing a fair yield of cotton in the interior of the State is encouraging, and the freedmen are generally industrious and self supporting.

Gold has been discovered on the farm of JOHN TAFT, at Sheffield. The quartz rock in which it is found, yields $46 to the ton, which it is said pays. Judge DARBY, of New-York, who formerly owned the adjoining farm, is forming a company to develop the mine, with $500,000 capital. Other valuable minerals, such as cobalt and plumbago, are found in the same vicinity.

A new hotel has recently been opened in New-Orleans, which boasts that it neither seeks nor desires the patronage of Northern gentlemen. An army officer, who found that he could not secure the attendance of waiters complained at the office, and was bluntly told that the servants had orders not to wait on United States officers.

The House of the Kentucky Legislature, at a late session, appointed a committee to investigate the charges made by Gen. FISK, in his Cincinnati speech, about discharged negro soldiers being shamefully abused at Lexington. An amendment, allowing Gen. FISK to be heard in his own defence, was adopted, but the General was denounced as a liar and slanderer by several members.

The Savannah *Republican* reports that the Central Railroad will be completed from Savannah to Augusta from the 1st to the 10th of February, when the trains will run through from Savannah to Augusta, Atlanta and Macon, and other points in Georgia, placing Savannah once more in full connection with the North.

An order has been received by the Water-Proof Cloth Company, of Bridgeport, for one of CROSSLEY'S mosaic carpets for the hall of the House of Representatives in Washington. It seems that the new carpet imported from England, only two months since, for the hall does not stand the wear, but is already half worn out.

An association of amateur fishermen has just been organized in Kentucky, called the Kentucky Piscatorial Society, with a capital of $50,000. Their object is to preserve the inhabitants of Kentucky rivers from entire annihilation, with which they have been seriously threatened during the past few years.

Three boys at New-Haven, Conn., under 12 years of age, have been detected in quite extensive mail robberies and forgeries. One of the boys had in his pocket when arrested a check for $3,300. They are said to be the sons of respectable and worthy parents.

About one thousand tons of shot and shell thrown into the forts at the mouth of Cape Fear River, (below Wilmington,) by the navy during the bombardment under Admiral PORTER, have been collected, and will be sold at auction, Feb. 15, for the benefit of the government.

Sacramento is in danger of another flood. The water in the river is twenty-three feet above low water mark; but the levee still holds out. The low lands of the surrounding country are flooded, and families have been driven from their homes by the advancing waters.

E. J. CARPENTER, editor of the Bloomington (Ill.) paper, left home on the 14th to visit a sick brother at Lyons, Wayne county. On reaching Buffalo, he was seized with insanity, and was picked up in the streets and sent to the lunatic asylum, where he died in a few days. Meanwhile his brother also died.

The Scranton *Register* says coal in the bed is worth twenty-five cents a ton. It costs eighty cents to mine it, and eighty more to prepare it for market—a total of $1 60. All that is charged above that is for transportation and profit.

Gen. JOHN S. WILLIAMS, of Kentucky, who won the *soubriquet* of "Cerro Gordo" for his bravery in the Mexican war, has gone with sixty emigrants to take up his residence in Mexico, under the protection of MAXIMILIAN.

Gen'l J. D. WEBSTER, formerly chief of staff to Gen. SHERMAN, has become a citizen of Alabama, and at present is engaged in assisting to develop the great natural resources of that State.

The Mayor of Newbern, N. C., has issued a proclamation announcing the removal of all the restrictions, licences and taxes imposed upon trade in that city by the military authorities.

Immense discoveries of diamonds and gold and silver are said to have been made in Idaho.

### LOCAL NEWS.

An inquest was held on Saturday by Coroner GOVER, at Ward's Island, on the body of CHRISTIAN ANDERSON, a sailor belonging to the ship *John Bright*, who died from the effects of ship fever, exposure and neglect. On reaching quarantine the deceased was placed on board a tug and conveyed to the Island. During the trip scarcely any attention or covering was given him, and on his arrival at the hospital he was in so helpless a condition that his death resulted in a few minutes after he was placed in the ward. Considerable evidence was taken, and the jury brought in a verdict censuring the quarantine authorities for allowing a patient to be treated in so neglectful a manner.

A meeting of the friends of the Women's Union American Missionary Society, was held at the Reformed Dutch Church, Fifth-avenue and Twenty-first-street, last evening. Interesting addresses on behalf of female missionary work among the wives and daugters of the affluent heathen, were delivered by Rev. Dr. GAMBE, Rev. Dr. CHURCH, Rev. Dr. MUHLENBERG and Rev. Dr. ROGERS.

The Coroner's jury in the case of the fatal railroad accident in Canal-street, by which Mr. SIGMUND Z. ROSENBLATT lost his life, rendered a verdict yesterday exonerating the driver of the car, JOHN HANLEY, from blame.

Coroner GOVER held an inquest on Saturday on the body of MARGARET J. MURPHY, aged 7 years, who died from the effects of burns received by the accidental contact of her clothing with a stove.

An unknown man committed suicide yesterday morning in Seventieth-street, by shooting himself through the head. The remains were conveyed to the Thirty-first Precinct Station-house.

A number of persons were arrested in Brooklyn, E. D., yesterday for passing counterfeit and otherwise worthless bills on various New-Jersey banks.

We are under obligations to Mr. W. WALSH, purser of the steamship *Saragossa*, for Charleston and Savannah papers.

Gold fell back to 139¼, Saturday forenoon, but ultimately closed at 139¾. Money 5@6 per cent. The government will reduce the rate allowed on new deposits at the Treasury Office to 5 per cent. after Feb. 1. The Railway Stocks generally better than on Friday. Governments steady.

General business was only moderately active on Saturday. Flour and Wheat ruled steady. Whisky and Linseed Oil were easier in price. Pork and Hogs closed heavily. Cotton was firmer. Freights quiet, with 550 vessels in port.

### Neglect of Sick Emigrants and Sailors —Who is Responsible?

The public mind was shocked a few days since by an account of the sufferings of a poor emigrant woman who was ruthlessly left to die after her confinement, unattended and alone, amid the foulness and discomforts of the steerage of a passenger ship at the wharves of our city. The atrocity of this case finds a parallel in one which was yesterday before the Coroner. CHRISTIAN ANDERSON, a poor Swedish sailor, arrived a few days since in the emigrant ship *John Bright*, from Liverpool, suffering from an attack of ship-fever, and severely frost-bitten beside in his lower extremities. His condition was clearly such as to make him a candidate for a hospital. Satisfied of this fact, the Deputy Health officer at Quarantine ordered the transfer of the patient to the fever hospital at Ward's Island, an institution under the care of the Commissioners of Emigration. So far all was right. But how was this transfer of the miserable, fever-parched, numb-limbed creature made? Feeble, wretched and half-clad, without a hat, shoeless and stockingless, he was placed on the cold, wet deck of a steam-tug, with no mattress beneath his aching bones and not even a blanket to protect him from the eager and nipping air, while the tug-boat made her small-like trip of fifteen miles from Quarantine to the Ward's Island hospital. Few persons in robust health could have endured this long exposure in Winter weather and escaped severe illness. Is it, therefore, a marvel that this wretched sailor, sick and helpless and speechless as he was, should have died within a few minutes of the time that he entered the hospital? Such brutal inhumanity would cause the cheeks of a Feejee Islander to tingle with shame, and instances of it are becoming far too common here to admit of any excuse. The Coroner's jury have seen fit to consider the Quarantine authorities responsible in this case, and if the offence can be justly laid at their door no punishment which could be inflicted upon them would be too severe for the crime.

### The President on Constitutional Amendments and Negro Suffrage.

The telegraph gives us the substance of a free talk by President JOHNSON with a distinguished Senator upon the great questions just now claiming attention. If this report is correct, (and we have no reason to doubt it,) the President looks with disfavor upon the thousand and one patches sought to be forced upon the constitution by the legal doctors in the Capitol. We gather that, while he thinks the great fact of the extinction of slavery is amendment enough for the present, he might look favorably upon such alteration as would base State representation in Congress upon the number of legally qualified voters, instead of population; in effect cutting off all classes or fractions that might be denied the right of suffrage. With regard to direct taxes he seems to favor the very plain proposition that they should be levied upon all lawfully taxable property, instead of being regulated by a representation. Mr. JOHNSON also alluded to the agitation of negro suffrage in the District of Columbia, and deprecated the matter as untimely, and likely to lead to serious results that would be certain to fall with fatal effect upon the race sought to be elevated.

### The Mexican Imbroglio.

All the intelligence from France points to the probability of a peaceful solution of the Mexican question at no distant day. To expect a summary, immediate and unexplained withdrawal of the French troops, were to assume a spirit of humiliation for which there is no precedent in the history of the French nation. And to suppose that the French Emperor, to avert the chances of more serious trouble, would forget the consideration due to the pride of the people over whom he rules, were to suppose him deprived of the wisdom and tact which have won for him the foremost position among the monarchs of Europe.

But there is incontestible evidence of his anxiety to escape from the consequences of his blunder. The remarkable attempt of the official journal to dwarf armed intervention into a crusade of bailiffs for the collection of a doubtful debt, possessed a significance which could hardly be exaggerated. It was the endeavor of baffled ambition to explain away its purpose without submitting to degradation. It transferred the question—so far as the attitude of France is concerned—from the category of things visionary to things practical and possible. The reasonableness of the pretext we are not required to consider. Whether the *Moniteur* is able to reconcile its explanation with the cause and the fact of the withdrawal of Spain and England from the tripartite alliance, is a matter that should occasion us no anxiety. The pretext itself and the result it foreshadows are the main features of interest to this country.

Now we have, on the authority of the Paris correspondent of the London *Times*, the statement that the Emperor and his Ministers are agreed as to the necessity of speedily recalling the troops; the only difference of opinion being in reference to the exact moment at which the step shall be taken. The rumor that the Emperor desires a brief delay, pending the completion of the Austrian contingent, receives partial confirmation through the usually doubtful dispatches purporting to be received at New-Orleans from the City of Mexico.

Whether the time of the withdrawal be early or late, and the assigned reason of the withdrawal rational or ridiculous, the animus and morality of the whole affair will be correctly appreciated by the American people. The few doubts that may have been entertained upon this head must be dispelled by the information recently conveyed by the State Department to the Senate touching the Imperial plans for the colonization of Confederates in Mexico, and the prosecution of various enterprises under their guidance. As England, while protecting her neutrality, sent forth and sustained the pirates that preyed on American commerce, so France, while tendering her national honor as a pledge of non-interference, secretly carried forward schemes of conquest and aggrandizement, in reliance upon rebel agencies. The development is not flattering to those whom it most concerns. It exposes a Minister of State, with his hand upon his heart, deliberately seeking to mislead us. It confirms the impression that the aim of the Emperor has been to take advantage of our civil strife to further Imperial ends. And we regret to say, it shows that for the altered aspect of the Mexican question we are indebted less to the Imperial sense of justice than to the Imperial estimate of the power which suppressed the rebellion.

As the matter stands, however, we can well afford to exhibit a magnanimous disregard of unavowed motives, provided only the conclusion be satisfactory. With the conscience of LOUIS NAPOLEON we have as little to do as with the sincerity of those English statesmen and journalists who now find it convenient to be more than complimentary to the United States. The present professions of both, no doubt, rest on the same ground and spring from the same source, and with neither need we trouble ourselves except in their bearing upon questions yet unsettled. The main point in regard to Mexico is that LOUIS NAPOLEON now deems expedient the recall of the French troops, and only awaits the occasion when he may execute his purpose with the least possible mortification.

The recent disgraceful occurrences on the Rio Grande will perhaps produce momentary hesitation. To be obliged to abandon a scheme of conquest, and a matured part of the Imperial policy, will be sufficiently unpleasant, be the accessories and excuses what they may. But to quail before a "horde of border ruffians—to succumb to thievish filibusters—to yield to a pressure exercised by outlaws, and an argument pushed by unlicensed cut-throats—would be to endure a degradation fatal to the Napoleonic rule. Hence it is not unlikely that the first effect of the tidings of the Bagdad affair will be unfavorable. Indeed, the New-Orleans dispatch, which states that "the French troops will not be withdrawn until the Emperor MAXIMILIAN is declared free from American intervention," is in all likelihood true.

The folly as well as the criminality of those who are engaged in fomenting border forays, and aiding and comforting the filibusters of whom CRAWFORD has been the acknowledged leader, is thus made manifest. With the filibusters themselves, rank or file, it were idle to argue. No consideration of duty or expediency troubles them. With an appetite for blood and plunder, they may be properly left to be dealt with by French soldiers, or by the authority which our government is energetically employing for the maintenance of neutrality. But there are men of another stamp, far removed from the Rio Grande, who should perceive the inevitable tendency of their course on the Mexican question. The orators who have waxed eloquent in their advocacy of the Monroe doctrine, and the crowd of mediocrities who have applauded the suggestion that in some way, and at any cost, the French should be driven out of Mexico, must be content to carry their share of responsibility in the premises. They have done all they could to precipitate difficulties, and the occurrences on the Rio Grande are the legitimate consequences of their teaching. In this respect they are the most dangerous enemies of republicanism in Mexico.

The prompt interposition of the authorities at Washington, and the determination they have evinced to maintain order on our side of the Rio Grande, will not be lost upon the tenant of the Tuileries or his instrument in Mexico. A more striking sign of the good faith with which our government strives to preserve its neutrality could not be desired. It proves that the movement of the fillibusters has no national significance; and that the people of the United States, while declaring their sympathy with the Republican cause in Mexico, and their aversion to French intervention, however disguised, are resolved to leave on other shoulders the responsibility of adding to existing complications.

By this course the moral strength and influence of this country is being immensely increased. Had the Executive chosen to quarrel openly with France, as was urged at the time by the more noisy champions of the Monroe doctrine, the war, now happily ended, would have gone on more fiercely than ever. The rebels would have had France for their active ally on land and sea, and the Mexican embroglio would have become permanently formidable. We cannot be too thankful that other counsels prevailed at Washington. Without surrendering a particle of national dignity, or violating the conviction of our people as to the merits of the Mexican question, we have maintained a temperate and courteous, but firm and explicit temper throughout the prolonged correspondence with the French Government. The result is visible to-day. The object aimed at is apparently near its accomplishment. The Mexican question is settling into its native elements, and the republican cause will by and by have a chance to struggle without encountering the bayonets and resources of France. And for this result we are indebted to no small degree to the watchfulness, the energy, and the high appreciation of principle which have distinguished the intercourse of the State Department with the government of France.

### The Gay Season in New-York.

The gaieties of the present season in this city surpass in extent and magnificence those of all previous years. The public balls, entertainments and receptions; the concerts and the theatres; the skating "carnivals," and the displays at Central Park, exhibit a more general lavishness in expenditure; a wider distribution of wealth, and a greater popular attractiveness than ever were known before. In fact the development of these matters in New-York, within recent years has been enormous. Fifteen or twenty years ago, society, so-called, was very limited, even if it was, as it claimed, quite select. At a single ball or other entertainment could be found nearly all there was of "society," and but a limited number of such affairs were included in the season. The beauties and glories of the Park were unknown; there were no Fifth-avenue ponds or skating carnivals; the Academy of Music had no existence, and such "turn-outs" as may now be seen by the hundred could not then be found this side of Paris. The ladies displayed no such toilets and emblazoned themselves with no such diamond jewelry as they do now. They had no such "empire" bonnets or waterfalls, or looped dresses. But now, behold our fashionable entertainments and amusements and exercises! Behold our fashionable belles! Measure, if it be possible, the extent of our fashionable society! It counts, not by a few hundreds, but by a few thousands; its resources are measured, not by millions, but by hundreds of millions!

We have had in the city within the last week two of the greatest affairs in the way of balls that have ever been gotten up in this metropolis—the "Tiger," or "Light Guard" Ball, and the "Fireman's" Ball; but great and gay as they were, they will be cast in the shade by the two grand and brilliant occasions of the current week—the "Charity Ball" to-night, and the "Seventh Regiment Reception" of Thursday, both of which have higher pretensions to "exclusiveness" than any other of our annual balls. The preparations that have been made for these—especially for the "Seventh Regiment Reception"—are quite wonderful; and even those who know the material composing the "Seventh," and the amount its members are willing to spend to outvie all rivalry, will be astonished when they behold what may be beheld conjointly and simultaneously at the Academy of Music and Irving Hall. The Charity Ball is one that annually attracts the *élite* of the city, and is attended by many who on no other occasion take part in public balls. The names borne by the hundred and twenty lady managers represent a large amount of the wealth of the city, and many families which date back to the older times. The following week comes the grand ball, fancy dress and masquerade of the Arion Society, and on the 16th we have the Liederkranz Ball, the expenses for the arrangements of which will reach between fifteen and twenty thousand dollars. These are but a few of the more notable affairs of the kind within a few days; but we could not begin to enumerate the nightly affairs of hardly less prominence which make lively the Academy of Music, Irving Hall, and scores of other public halls.

The grand operatic season we had at the close of last year is to be followed by another which opens this week; and it is conceded that, as regards the artistic productions themselves, as well as the extent of popular appreciation and the brilliancy of the audiences, the city has never seen the equal of the triumphs of this Winter. Everybody who visits a Broadway theatre knows that the same thing is true of all of these—and the new and popular feature of theatrical matinées in itself an indication that people of leisure are beginning to form a feature of American society, and that the hundred entertainments of the evening are insufficient for our amusement-loving population.

Besides all the in-door amusements of the kinds we have mentioned, the extraordinary skating scenes we have had this Winter in this city and Brooklyn—especially at the Central Park—have hardly their equal, in large numbers and fine effects, in any part of the world—unless it be on special occasions in the North of Europe. In a single day there have been as high as twenty-five thousand skaters of both sexes at the Park; and probably as many more might have been counted at the various skating resorts in Brooklyn. The "carnival" last week at the aristocratic Fifth-avenue skating-pond of Maj. OATMAN could hardly have been surpassed in fairy-land for scenic effects; and if the weather be favorable this afternoon, there will be a display at the same place of between five and ten thousand gentlemen and ladies sweeping on flashing feet o'er gleaming floors—the fair sex in rich and picturesque dresses, and all beaming and bounding with health and happiness. We have always done our best to encourage popular sports and amusements like these, for they have a most beneficial effect upon the vigor and vitality of the American people.

Not only in this metropolis, but throughout all the great cities of the country, the current Winter has been one of unprecedented attractiveness in all the directions concerning which we have spoken. In the East, Boston has only been less vivacious than New-York; and Chicago, in the West, has, for its size, outdone everything on the continent. Whatever they go at in Chicago they carry out with a vim that even New-York knows nothing of—whether it be politics, money-making, skating or dancing—and even the sweet strains of music, which soothe the people of other places, are listened to by those of Chicago in an impatient and sort of frantic manner. If we can believe their newspapers—all of which, however, are half frantic—they have carried their popular gaities this Winter to a pitch never equaled in the wide world, and both sexes have plunged in as though there were but one Winter season in their existence.

A CITY INSPECTOR OF RAILROADS.—The Common Council has again revived the question of appointing an Inspector of City Railroads, at a salary of $3,000 a year. The roads in question, no doubt, need inspection. But no one has any faith in the Council's providing for such inspection by a salaried man at $3,000 a year, or at any other sum. We have a police organization which ought to have a force strong enough and vigilant enough to see that all the laws pertaining to street railroads are duly enforced. If they neglect that duty *now*, there ought to be some means of making them see to it. The disgraceful manner in which street cars are run from Chatham-street to Ann-street attracts no attention whatever from the police. Crossing the street at any part of Park-row is simply impossible, except at the greatest risk to life and limb. We have no faith that a City Inspector of Roads would remedy this evil, or any other evil.

MORE VIGILANCE NEEDED.—Our night patrolmen perhaps do the best they can in the face of the organized bands of plunderers that infest the city. But it was only a few nights ago that a barber's shop-door within fifty yards of the City Hall was smashed to pieces, making an entry for thieves, who carried off several hundred dollars worth of stuff with no trouble whatever, leaving the place entirely stripped, without having attracted the slightest attention from any policemen in the neighborhood. The cars, at night, also need some attention from the police. These things should be attended to if the good name of the force is to be maintained.

### THE CITY OF NEW-YORK FIFTY YEARS AGO.

**Recollections of a Journeyman Printer.**

Rev. Dr. SPRING'S Half Century Pulpit Reminiscences, which I have read with all the interest that his long and faithful ministry, his pure life and great usefulness, awaken and inspire, sets my own memory at work.

Simultaneously with the advent of Rev. Dr. SPRING in this city, I, in a humbler sphere, became a resident, and was among the many to whom the then youthful parson "divided the word." I was, however, but an occasional hearer, for after going the rounds, listening to the Rev. (Doctors of Divinity were scarce then) Messrs. ROMAYNE, MACLAY, MASON, MCMURRAY, MILDOLLAR, &c., &c., I settled down under the "dropping" of Rev. EDWARD MITCHELL, a truly eloquent and exemplary Universalist divine, who instructed and elevated a united and happy congregation, in a small church situated in Magazine (now Pearl) street, a few doors west from Chatham-street.

The New-York of 1815, wonderful then as a city, in eyes accustomed only to rural districts, has so changed, in aspects and habits, as to exist only in the memories of the "oldest inhabitants." Geographically, it was a compact city (saving the Rutgers' mansion and grounds) as far east as Corlears' Hook. The Bowery was built up as far as Grand-street, (though there was then no such street,) while beyond it were pleasant country residences. About this time Eldridge and Christie streets took the names of officers of the Thirteenth United States Infantry, who distinguished themselves in the battle of Queenston.

Brooklyn was an inconsiderable village. There was then a ferry from the Fly (now Fulton) Market, at the foot of Fair (now Fulton) street, to Brooklyn, or rather to the Navy-yard, for Brooklyn was of little account; but the only mode of crossing was by row-boats. Staten Island was reached by "Perry-angers," one of which was commanded by Capt. CORNELIUS VANDERBILT, now a twenty millionaire. Three steamboats, the *Raragon*, *Car of Neptune*, and *Richmond*, were running from New-York to Albany; and one or two to New-Haven. None, however, had yet ventured outside of Sandy Hook; or rather there were none running to Southern cities.

On the west side of Broadway, streets only extended to Lispenard; all north of which was either unsightly common or indifferently cultied farms. There was, well out of the city, the nucleus of what became the village of Greenwich, between Seventh and Eighth-avenues, and below Fourteenth-street. When, of a Sunday afternoon, we wanted exercise and fresh air, we would walk up to the State Prison, then a prominent feature far away out of the city, but now standing, almost unobserved, near Christopher-street. It then looked directly upon the river—now several streets intercept the view.

In 1815 or 1816, the Common north of Canal-street (there was neither Erie Canal or Canal-street then) was surveyed and laid out in streets, which took the names of Revolutionary officers, (Greene, Mercer, Sullivan, &c.) I remember going, about this time, with a friend (the late GEORGE MATHER) to a vacant lot situated near the now corner of Spring and Mercer-streets, which he had purchased to erect an ink manufactory upon, assuming that the adjoining property would not be occupied for many years, and that he should never be disturbed by neighbors!

The erection of two basement brick dwelling-houses, the first of that class, I believe, on the east side of Broadway, between Franklin and Canal-street, caused a good deal of remark, and was regarded as gratifying evidence of architectural progress. These dwellings—considered magnificent then—were built by Messrs. PRIOR & SIMPSON, managers of the Park Theatre. Whole streets of mansions, infinitely superior, go up now in a month without thought or observation.

The aristocracy of the city, fifty years ago, resided either in Broadway, adjacent to the Battery, or in the vicinity of Columbia College. The late Gov. DEWITT CLINTON resided in Cherry-street.

Of what was Cortland-street in 1815, the only house remaining, as it stood, is one then occupied by the late PHILIP HONE. All else has been rebuilt. Cortland-street was rather aristocratic then. "Upper-tendom," had no existence, even in name, then. Indeed, the wealthy classes had not commenced their West-end migration until nearly twenty years later. Broadway, in the meantime, has, to use a familiar phrase, entirely "shed its coat." There is not, of what *was* Broadway in 1815, more than three or four spared monuments! The Prime House, opposite Rowling-green, St. Paul's Church, and one or two more buildings remain as they were. All else has been demolished and rebuilt, and in many cases this process has been repeated and reiterated.

In those days Hoboken was known, because the Elysian Fields were beautiful; but mainly because it was the dueling ground of HAMILTON and BURR, and as such was much visited. Jersey City was "no where."

In 1815 there were no omnibus lines, no railways, and, I believe, no hacks, or if any, only a few, and those stood in front of Trinity Church. How, then, did people get to distant parts of the city? Of course, the area of the city was circumscribed, or it would have been impossible to traverse it without conveyances. But we took our time in those days. Nobody was in such a hurry to get through the world. Nobody was "fast." Business journeys to Buffalo would consume more days then than hours are now required.

Now that I am thinking of the past, I remember that a journey to Washington, in 1825, was as primitive as picturesque. From New-York—this was my first visit to Washington—you took stage coaches from Jersey (no city even then) Ferry to Philadelphia. This was a hard drag over red sandy roads. The only thing I remember freshly, at the hotels, was, that the sausages were seasoned "to a turn." It is bad taste in sausage makers to stint the sage. Most people, I suppose, have forgotten from whence the *sausage* derived its name. A sausage, therefore, without sage, is what the colored preacher (I heard him myself in the Church-street African Church) said: "What," exclaimed the ebony preacher, "is Faith widout works? It is like a beef-take widout gravey." At Philadelphia, after dining the second day at "Head's," you took the steamer to New-Castle, from whence stages again through the entire State of Delaware (sixteen miles) to Frenchtown. And here, boats again to Baltimore, from whence to Washington, again by stages, and slow stages they were. Forty-eight hours, if you were lucky, found you at Washington. Now we grumble if the railways do not take us through "on time"—ten hours.

It is curious, in passing through what was formerly fashionable localities, to see the "base uses" to which aristocratic mansions have come. The former residence of MOSES H. GRINNELL, in College-place, so long distinguished for its bountiful and dreffined hospitalities, where DANIEL WEBSTER, WASHINGTON IRVING, and other eminent men, "most did congregate," is now a "lager-beer saloon." The former residence of the late ROBERT B. MINTURN, in Beach-street—within which dwelt all there is attainable of evangelical religion, active benevolence, social cultivation, and domestic virtue—is now an emigrant boarding-house.

In 1815 the City Hotel was the only first-class public-house. Washington Hall, where A. T. STEWART'S store is now, opened about that time, but all the others were second-rate. Hotel fare in those days, though substantial, was plain. The culinary art among us was in its infancy. There was, indeed, a general prejudice against French cooking! Port and brown sherry (pale sherry rarely seen) wines were good. The Madeira wines were gloriously delicious. Champagne was just coming in, and but comparatively little known, and was warmed before drinking! Ice, that now domestic necessity, was then rarely seen, and only used during the "heated terms." Strawberries were never served upon hotel tables, nor in private families, except at tea. The strawberry, as a hotel breakfast and dinner luxury, was first introduced by WM. SYMES, who opened a most luxurious "Bank Coffee-house," in William-street, on the corner of William and Pine, but who lived too fast to live long. Grapes, except those from Madeira, were wholly unknown. None were grown except the small, sour, wild grape. Nor was the tomato, a vegetable now found upon every table in the city, then cultivated or known as the esculent now so universally appreciated. I doubt whether, in 1815, a tomato was sold or eaten in the city.

There was much interest awakened, in 1817, by a visit from President MONROE, accompanied by Gen. SWIFT, who recently died at Geneva. The President was received at the Battery by the military under Major-Gen. MORTON, and escourted to the City Hall, where the citizens were introduced by Mayor RADCLIFF.

There was another event and arrival with which I was intensely interested. Rev. Mr. SUMMERFIELD, a youthful Methodist clergyman, came from England and commenced preaching in New-York. He was wonderfully beautiful in the formation of his head and the features of his face; and that all these features were eloquently expressive of the purity of his life, the goodness of his nature, or the divinity of his mission, none who saw and heard him, could doubt. His voice and manner harmonized with and gave effect to his personal accomplishments. He was followed from church to church by great numbers, charming and chastening all ears and all hearts. If any went to scoff, they inevitably "remained to pray." If Rev. JOHN SUMMERFIELD had announced himself as an inspired prophet or apostle, he would have had hosts of believers. But he was himself a simple, unostentatious, "meek and lowly" believer and follower of that Saviour to whom, in person and character, he bore such striking resemblance. There was, or seemed to be, when he spoke, a bright halo radiating the atmosphere of his pulpit. This may appear extravagant, but there are, I doubt not, old citizens who heard Mr. SUMMERFIELD, and who share in the enthusiasm of my remembrance of him.

Fifty years ago, the customs and habits of New-York were much more natural and simple than they are now. There was then infinitely less wealth, less luxury, less cultivation and less refinement. There is, however, a cultivation and refinement in evil as in good, and their progress, in both senses, has been coincident. We grow better and worse. Refinement and demoralization keep about equal pace. Such are the inevitable fruits of great prosperity. In the aggregate, however, it is encouraging to know that there is a constantly increasing preponderance of good over evil.

There were comparatively few temptations in those days. There were no "hells," or "gin palaces," or "saloons." There were no "clubs," though, of course, I do not confound the latter with the former. But men lived at home in those days. Perhaps I cannot so well illustrate my meaning as to say

street, where I worked in 1817, received an order from MESSRS. KIRK & MERWIN to print an edition of MOORE'S *Lala Rookh*, a single copy of which had been received in advance by a ship from London. The work was to be hurried, lest other publishers might re-issue copies before they could realize the fruits of their enterprise. All was astir. The "cases" were fully manned, night and day; paper "wet down;" presses running constantly; binders were reinforced; and for once, strong Methodist as he was, Mr. MERCIEN ignored the Sabbath. And on the tenth day, *Lala Rookh*, in boards, made its appearance. This was regarded as an achievement. The HARPERS would do it now in twenty-four hours.

And this reminds me of the habits of the journeymen printers of that day. I wonder what effect time has had upon their habits? Improved them, I hope and believe. Intemperance was the rule rather than the exception then. Not excessive, but what led to it. Journeymen had their "tick" for beer at corner groceries. This, with their board, left only two or three dollars for Saturday night's "bater." And on "Blue Monday" they were either off or at work with a bad head-ache and the "blue-devils." This class would generally have the annoyance of working for a "dead-horse," while the sober men took care to have a live one. The "dead-horse" was an unfinished "Form," put into the Saturday night's bill. The thrifty journeyman would leave this work for his next week's bill, and thus rejoice over a "live-horse." The "hardest" journeymen came from Philadelphia. I always had good "situations," was habitually industrious, drank no beer, and earned from ten to twelve dollars a week, most of which, after paying board, went for tickets at the Park Theatre. Journeymen printers were eccentric but intelligent men. Many with whom I worked in these days have since been prominent. BENJAMIN SWEADE, who afterward published a paper at Bath, Steuben County, had a strange fancy for a figured morning gown which he wore "at ease," and at intervals played the flute. U. F. DOUBLEDAY, father of Major-Gen. DOUBLEDAY had a passion for languages, and while working as a journeyman made himself a good Latin and French scholar. The late THOMAS TILESTON, of the house of SCOFFORD & TILESTON, was in early life a journeyman printer.

The great, the wonderful changes wrought in fifty years, relates to daily journals. There were then two morning (the *Gazette* and *Mercantile*) and two evening (the *Post* and *Commercial*) daily papers. I am not sure that the *Columbian* was not a daily, though I believe it was only a semi-weekly. The *Gazette* was crowded with advertisements, rarely containing more than a column or a column and a half of reading matter. The *Mercantile* was not much better—both stupid, and barren of all interest, except for their ship news and advertisements. The *Post* was edited with decided, and the *Commercial* with moderate, ability.

The *Mercantile* had the largest circulation, which, if I remember right, was less than 2,500. At any rate, the circulation of all the New-York dailies, fifty years ago, did not half equal that of the TIMES now. Nor was there in the whole city, then, as much press power and capacity as is now operated subteraneously under the sidewalk in front of the TIMES Office. And this vast power, which furnishes political, commercial and general intelligence for the world, is operated while thousands who pass directly over it are unconscious of its whereabouts.

The dailies I have named were all Federal in politics. The *Columbian* was then the only Republican or Democratic journal in the city. The merchants were generally Federalists, as were most of the lawyers.

The *Courier*, another Federal paper, was established in 1816 by BARENT GARDINER, who in 1811 was a member of Congress from Ulster. Of all who were connected with the daily press of that day, I believe that Mr. FRANCIS HALL, of the *Commercial*, is the only survivor. Than Mr. HALL I never knew a more upright and amiable man. He can look back upon a long, useful, blameless life. Of the journeymen I was then associated with, the only survivors, I believe, are JAMES and JOHN HARPER and W. E. DEAN, of New-York, PETER FORCE, of Washington, and G. W. RUCKMAN, of California.

RICHARD M. BLATCHFORD, Esq., now one of the solid men of New-York, between whom and myself there has been a life-long, unbroken, cherished friendship, came to New-York in 1815 from Union College to seek his fortune, like the late LUTHER BRADISH, as a schoolmaster.

Mechanics and laborers were paid, in 1815, in JACOB BARKER'S Washington and Warren Bank, twenty-five and fifty cent "shinplasters."

Mechanics, clerks, &c., &c., paid $8 per week for board.

There were then several officers of the revolution, who had served with distinction, residing in New-York. Among those I remember to have seen were Col. MARINUS WILLETT, Col. NICHOLAS FISH, (GOV. FISH'S father,) Col. VARICK, Gen. EBENEZER STEVENS, Major Z. PLATT, GOV. MORGAN LEWIS, Col. ANTHONY LAMB, &c., &c. Col. AARON BURR, with whom I became subsequently acquainted, returned from Europe about that time.

Ten years afterward, in 1825, I enjoyed the privilege of a three days' excursion up the Hudson River in the steamboat *James Kent*, with Gen. LAFAYETTE, the officers above named, his revolutionary associates, being his escort. The excursion was a continuous and brilliant pageant.

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## FROM NEW-ORLEANS.

### Fatal Street Affray—Marine Disasters—Good Conduct of the Texas Freedmen.

NEW-ORLEANS, Sunday, Jan. 28.

A fatal affray occurred on Gravier-street yesterday, in which H. B. NEWBURY was killed and Capt. OLDHAM severely wounded. The young man who shot NEWBURY surrendered.

The schooner *Neptune*, hence for Rio Janeiro, with 45 passengers, was lost on the 10th off the Cuban coast. The passengers and crew were saved, and brought here on the *Guiding Star*. The vessel was a total loss.

The steamer *Anna Perrit*, bound to New-Orleans, sank in the Red river, on the Upper Falls. Her cargo was saved.

Capt. CREIGHTON, of the bark *Three Bells*, who saved the passengers of the wrecked steamer *San Francisco* some years ago, is here.

Better accounts come from East Texas. The freedmen are making contracts.

The steamer *Wilmington*, from New-York, had arrived at Galveston.

The steamers *Huntsville* and *Missouri* sailed this evening for New-York, and the *Guiding Star* will leave to-morrow.

Cotton active; sales 4,100 bales at 48c. for Middlings. Sugar fair, 14½c. New-York checks ¼ discount. Gold 140. Freights unchanged.

## THE PACIFIC COAST.

### Glowing Accounts from the Mines of Idaho—Great Danger of a Flood at Sacramento.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sunday, Jan. 28.

Humboldt papers give glowing accounts of discoveries of diamonds, gold and silver in Idaho.

AMOS PHINEAS & Co., extensive lumber dealers of this city, have failed. Their liabilities are reported at $400,000.

Notwithstanding the water in the river at Sacramento was nearly twenty-three feet above low-water mark, the levee still held back the flood. The low lands of the surrounding country are flooded, and families have been driven from their homes. The change of weather indicates relief from greater damage, and the escape of Sacramento.

SAN FRANCISCO, Saturday, Jan. 27.

The mining share market is a trifle better. Ophir, $327; Chollar Potosi, $136; Crown Point, $635; Hall and Norcross, $465; Savage, $690; Yellow Jacket, $365; Imperial, $114 25.

### Sailing of the North American.

PORTLAND, ME., Sunday, Jan. 28.

The steamship *North American*, Capt. KEAR, sailed at eight o'clock this morning for Liverpool.

# THE PRESIDENT SPEAKS.

## A Free Conversation on Constitutional Amendments.

## What Mr. Johnson Thinks of Tinkering the Organic Law.

## He Doubts the Propriety of Any Further Changes.

## But Concedes the Justice of Basing Representation on Voters.

## Taxation Should be Levied upon Actual Taxable Values.

## He Regrets the Agitation at Present of Negro Suffrage.

## A Foreshadowing of a Veto if the Senate Pass the District Bill.

Special Dispatches to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, Sunday, Jan. 28.

The following is the substance of a conversation which took place to-day between the President and a distinguished Senator.

The President said that he doubted the propriety at this time of making any further amendments to the constitution. One great amendment had already been made, by which slavery had forever been abolished within the limits of the United States, and a national guarantee thus given that that institution should never again exist in the land. Propositions to amend the constitution were becoming as numerous as preambles and resolutions at town meetings called to consider the most ordinary questions connected with the administration of local affairs. All this, in his opinion, had a tendency to diminish the dignity and prestige attached to the constitution of the country, and to lessen the respect and confidence of the people in their great charter of freedom. If, however, amendments are to be made to the constitution changing the basis of representation and taxation, (and he did not deem them at all necessary at the present time,) he knew of none better than a simple proposition embraced in a few lines making in each State the number of qualified voters the basis of representation, and the value of property the basis of direct taxation. Such a proposition could be embraced in the following terms: Representatives shall be apportioned among the several States which may be included within the Union according to the number of qualified voters in each State. Direct taxes shall be apportioned among the several States which may be included within this Union according to the value of all taxable property in each State. An amendment of this kind would, in his opinion, place the basis of representation and direct taxation upon correct principles. The qualified voters were for the most part men who was subject to draft and enlistment when it was necessary to repel invasion, suppress rebellion and quell domestic violence and insurrection. They risk their lives, shed their blood, and peril their all to uphold the government and give protection, security and value to property. It seemed but just that property should compensate for the benefits thus conferred by defraying the expenses incident to its protection and enjoyment. Such an amendment, the President also suggested, would remove from Congress all issues in reference to the political equality of the races. It would leave the States to determine absolutely the qualifications of their own voters, with regard to color, and thus the number of representatives to which they would be entitled in Congress would depend upon the number upon which they conferred the right of suffrage. The President, in this connection, expressed the opinion that the agitation of the negro franchise question in the District of Columbia at this time was the mere entering wedge to the agitation of the question throughout the States, and was ill-timed, uncalled for, and calculated to do great harm. He believed that it would engender enmity, contention and strife between the two races, and lead to a war between them, which would result in great injury to both and the certain extermination of the negro population. Precedence, he thought, should be given to more important and urgent matters, legislation upon which was essential for the restoration of the Union, the peace of the country and the prosperity of the people.

RETURN OF SECRETARY SEWARD.

The U. S. steamer *De Soto*, with Secretary SEWARD and party on board, returned here this afternoon, after an absence of exactly four weeks, having left here on Dec. 31st, 1865. The *De Soto* proceeded directly to St. Thomas, and then made a complete tour of the West Indies, from St. Thomas in the east to Santa Cruz in the west, stopping at Santo Domingo City, Port-Au-Prince, the capital of Hayti, and Havana, spending a few days at each port, and being most cordially and hospitably received by the authorities and people everywhere. The two West Indian Republics, the Dominican and Haytien, were unexpectedly found at peace, all the recent troubles having been quieted. At Havana the party were hospitably entertained by the Captain-General. They left that port on Tuesday at noon, the thermometer at 111 degrees in the sun on the ship's deck, and arrived here at 4 o'clock to find it at 32. The entire party have been greatly improved in health and vigor, especially the Secretary and his son, who are now able to walk without the use of canes, for the first time in almost a year. The ladies of the party—Mrs. FREDERICK SEWARD and her sister, Miss WHARTON—were also much benefitted. Capt. WALKER, of the *De Soto*, and his officers, were very efficient in contributing to the enjoyment and pleasure of the excursion.

THE INTERNAL REVENUE COMMISSION.

The Internal Revenue Commission, consisting of DAVID A. WELLS, of Troy, S. S. HAYES, of Chicago, and STEPHEN CHALWELL, of Philadelphia, have completed their report, and it is now in the hands of the Secretary of the Treasury, who will probably transmit it to Congress to-morrow with a message containing his own approval of its recommendations. The chief general feature of the report is the recommendation of a large reduction in the Internal Revenue taxes, and facts and figures are presented to show how this can be safely accomplished. They also recommend the entire reorganization of the Internal Revenue system that it may be administered on a more economical and efficient basis. Among the specific recommendations of the commission is the removal of the tax on all printing and publishing material. A tax on cotton will be strongly advocated, and a bill will be submitted with the report for its imposition. The report is not only approved by the Secretary of the Treasury, but by all the members of the Ways and Means Committee who have examined it. It is voluminous and very interesting, comprising seventy closely printed pages.

INCREASE OF BANK CAPITAL.

It has been understood that Secretary MCCULLOCH did not approve of the proposed increase of one hundred millions in the National Bank capital. It is proper to say, however, that Mr. MCCULLOCH is in favor of this increase, which every day shows to be more and more necessary to the development of the business resources of the country. If Congress will so amend the National Bank Act as to require the banks to redeem at New-York, Boston or Philadelphia, this proposition is also recommended by Comptroller CLARKE, and if adopted it is difficult to see what objection there can be successfully urged to a proposition which not only results in an absolute reduction of ten millions of the currency, but changes one hundred millions of irredeemable greenbacks into ninety millions of National Bank notes, equally well secured, redeemable at the business centres and subject to the legitimate business demands of the country, and yet not inviting the circulation when the business does not require it, as is the case with the present irredeemable legal-tenders.

ERRORS CORRECTED.

The statements telegraphed from Toronto to the effect that Mr. FERGUSON BLAIR, the new leader of the Canadian Ministry, has said in a speech that assurances had been received from Washington that the prohibition of the cattle trade from Canada would be immediately removed, has no foundation in fact. The Secretary on the Treasury has given no such assurances. The only thing which could even be construed as looking to such a result is the fact that a bill is in preparation, supplementary to that already passed, which gives the Secretary of the Treasury the power and discretion to declare the prohibition on cattle importation from any foreign country removed, whenever in his opinion the facts will warrant it.

SEMMES THE PIRATE.

RAPHAEL SEMMES, of *Alabama* notoriety, Rear-Admiral and Brigadier-General, &c., has himself prepared an elaborate argument, which was presented to the President to-night by his counsel, Judge HUGHES, in which he claims the benefit of the SHERMAN-JOHNSON parole, and that under this parole he is entitled to be discharged from prison until he shall be tried and convicted.

MEXICAN NEWS AND RUMORS.

Official news up to the 29th of December has been received here from El Paso, the present seat of the Mexican government. After the occupation of Chihuahua by the French, they sent an expedition to El Paso against President JUAREZ, who collected at that place Gen. FERRAGA'S division, and made other preparations to resist the invaders, with every chance of success. When the French heard of this they marched back to Chihuahua, thus abandoning the idea of attacking El Paso. The news from the interior is represented as quite encouraging. The impression prevailed in the whole country that the French would soon abandon Mexico.

COMPLIMENTARY SUPPER TO A JOURNALIST.

Various correspondents and editors of the newspaper press, representing all sections of the country, last night gave a complimentary supper to their popular and esteemed fellow journalist, SAMUEL M. CARPENTER, who is on the eve of changing the field of his professional duties to South America.

WANT THEIR VOTES RECORDED.

Representatives HUBBELL, of Ohio, and WHALEY, of West Virginia, in addition to JOHN L. THOMAS, of Maryland, have sought to have their votes recorded against the District of Columbia Suffrage bill; but the request has been denied because of their absence from the House at the time the vote was taken on the passage of the bill.

SECRETARY STANTON'S RECEPTION.

Secretary STANTON and Mrs. STANTON gave their second reception last evening, which was attended by an immense throng of the most distinguished people here, among whom were Gens. GRANT, THOMAS, and HANCOCK, and Admiral FARRAGUT. Some of the toilets of the ladies were the richest and the most expensive yet worn here this season.

THE TENNESSEE MEMBERS.

As we have heretofore intimated, a resolution will be offered this week in Congress declaring that the members elect from Tennessee are entitled to their seats. It is claimed by some of the Tennessee delegation that, after a thorough canvass, they find a sufficient number of votes to pass the resolution when offered.

THE PRAYER FROM TENNESSEE.

Information has just reached official circles here from the undoubted loyal people of Tennessee, to the effect that the authors of the prayer of the loyal Tennesseeans, presented to the Committee on Reconstruction a few days ago, praying protection from the rebel majority which they allege will soon resume political control of the State, are a mere handful of the extreme radical element of East Tennessee, headed by the Secretary of Gov. BROWNLOW. The loyal Tennesseeans represent that the lawlessness and violence complained of by the radicals are the result of the recklessness of law and of the violence of which the radicals themselves have been guilty.

INTERNAL REVENUE PENALTIES.

The fines, penalties and forfeitures collected in internal revenue cases for the six months last past, amount to $650,000.

## OUR WASHINGTON LETTER.

### The Great Debate on the Constitutional Amendment—Diversity of Opinions—The Closing Speeches—An Evil which should be Understood—Mr. Lincoln in Bronze, Marble and Plaster—Senator Morgan's Reception.

From Our Own Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, Saturday, Jan. 27, 1866.

In one of my recent letters I said the present House of Representatives was the ablest body of men that Congress had contained for many years; and my assertion is not only borne out by the concurrent opinions of some of the oldest members, who are the best of judges, but by the course of the great debate on the Constitutional Amendment, which has been almost the whole business before the House during this entire week, until to-day—which, by previous agreement, is devoted to speech-making in Committee of the Whole on the President's message—Mr. WASHBURNE in the chair, and Mr. Speaker COLFAX in New-York, electrifying a great audience at the Cooper Institute with the glories of the Occident.

The diversity of sentiments developed on this amendment is very surprising to the original movers of the proposition. A large majority are undoubtedly in favor of clearing off the *fungi* which adheres to the constitution since slavery was cut out of the body politic. If the negroes of the South are not to represent themselves at the ballot-box, certainly there is no justice in permitting their former masters to represent them. The *idea* is almost unanimously indorsed, but its application develops as many theories as ever existed among doctors who proverbially disagree. Hardly a single proposition yet submitted—for a dozen have been offered by members on top of that committee—that does not in some way upturn the practice, the decisions, and the constitutional interpretations of the last twenty years, until the more radical members have been forced into the position that Congress has the power to regulate the elective franchise in the States, and that they care not a fig for former constitutions or precedents, and that they mean to have the constitution interpreted hereafter in a new light. This was strikingly exemplified in the towering debate on Wednesday between SHELLABARGER, ROSCOE CONKLING, and THAD. STEVENS, when SHELLABARGER—under the forcible questioning of CONKLING—successively abandoned every position, until he took refuge behind the constitution as "he hoped it would be;" and Mr. STEVENS, who, not for the first time, as he said himself, expressed his contempt for the constitution "as it unfortunately was." That scene was one of the most interesting, and the debate was certainly one of the ablest, that has yet taken place in the House. It is impossible to say what the result will be when the question comes to a vote on Tuesday. Perhaps the debate on Monday, which will include RAYMOND, CONKLING, and STEVENS, may give a clearer aspect to the question than now exists. An impression exists that if the amendment as it now stands is rejected, the committee will report it in a new form.

The army bill now before the Senate, known as Mr. WILSONS' will receive consideration from high military sources during the coming week. Gen. GRANT has sent for Gens. SHERMAN, THOMAS and MEADE, and the two first-named have already arrived, for the purpose of giving them an opportunity to consider the reorganization of the army. Gen. SHERIDAN would have been sent for, but that his presence at New-Orleans, in view of the condition of affairs on the Rio Grande, is eminently necessary. Gens. GRANT and SHERMAN had quite a lengthy interview with the President this morning.

I wish to say a word regarding an evil which is increasing every day, and which is leading to much distress. From all parts of the country soldiers, both able-bodied and disabled, but particularly the latter class, are rushing to this city, under the impression that they will be at once employed in some of the government departments. The headquarters of the armies of the United States are besieged by hundreds of one-armed and one-legged men, who have come hither under the expectation of being appointed messengers or porters, or securing other employment for which they are fitted. It is estimated that there are five hundred more such applicants here now than there are places for them. Everything is done for them that can be by the authorities, but it is simply folly for men to go to the expense of coming here from distant States, and then have to subsist on charity when they get here.

Since MR. LINCOLN'S death, so many attempts have been made to perpetuate his memory by the work of art, and with such poor artistic success in most cases, that it is really gratifying to find something produced worthy of commendation. MRS. JOSEPH AMES, an [illegible] of Mr. LINCOLN, which is unanimously awarded the merit of being a most excellent likeness in both feature and expression. Mrs. AMES was intimately acquainted with Mr. LINCOLN—knowing him best in his social, private hours, when he laid aside his cares for a moment and asked her to tell him of her experiences among the wounded heroes of the battle, for Mrs. AMES, during the war, spent much of her time among the wounded and at the front. After death she took the exact measurement of Mr. LINCOLN'S head, and has since produced a half-size bust, which receives high commendation from all who have seen it, including particularly President JOHNSON, Gen. GRANT and Mr. SEWARD, and the Joint Committee on the Library have ordered a copy in marble, life-size, for the marble room of the Senate. Mrs. AMES' success has induced her to send a copy to Europe, to be reproduced in bronze or Parian marble, and numerous orders are now being given for it here in plaster. The object of the artist is purely a philanthropic one, the proceeds being devoted to the establishment of a home in New-York for the care and instruction of the orphans of soldiers and sailors. The price at which it is afforded, ten dollars, will enable every admirer of the lamented President to possess an excellent likeness of him. Everyone will wish the lady success in her efforts.

Notwithstanding the very uncomfortable weather, the past week has witnessed a nightly round of brilliant social festivity. The reception of Secretary HARLAN and lady, on Monday evening, was followed by a great throng at the President's on Tuesday evening; while on Wednesday, which was one of the most inclement nights of the season, Hon. FREEMAN CLARKE and lady gave a most delightful entertainment to a select and distinguished company, who were made to feel to the fullest extent the elegant hospitality of one of our soundest financial statesmen, and his refined and cultivated family.

On Thursday night Senator MORGAN, Secretary MCCULLOCH and Speaker COLFAX all gave receptions, which were all very largely attended. Senator and Mrs. MORGAN'S was the first of the season, and there certainly has not been a more brilliant gathering in the national capital for many years, and perhaps never; for the past five years has produced the most noted men of the time, and many of them were there. It would be invidious to enumerate a part and yet not all the distinguished company; but when the list leads off with GRANT, FARRAGUT, STANTON, and the ladies of their families, it is easy for the reader to build the pyramid of social and political distinction, and not leave out any one worthy of being included. I need hardly add that the cordial manner of Senator MORGAN and his accomplished lady, and the elegant concomitants of the mansion and the occasion were in perfect keeping with the reputation of New-York's wealthy merchant and distinguished Senator.

Last evening Secretary WELLES and family gave their second reception, which was very fully attended and as brilliant as usual. To-night Secretary and Mrs. STANTON will receive their friends again with their customary elegance and hospitality. CYMON.

## FROM THE RIO GRANDE.

### Gen. Canales Denounces Union with the Yankees—Further Particulars of the Capture of Bagdad—Murder of American Ladies and Children.

*From the N. O. Picayune of Jan. 21.*

We have received copies of the Matamoros *Ranchero*, of the 6th and 7th, containing full account's of the occurrences at Bagdad. Those contained in the paper of the 6th have already been published; those of the 7th are fully confirmatory of them.

The *Ranchero* says on its Spanish side that it has taken pains to sift all the information received and give only that which is most reliable.

It also furnishes on its Spanish side, the information that Gen. CANALES has issued a proclamation to his soldiers, advising them "to submit to the Imperial authorities rather than unite in fillibustering expeditions with Yankees." It also says that CANALES has more prudence than the other malcontents, and has read in the book of the future that the Empire is founded on the nationality of Mexico, and that the Monroe doctrine aims at the conquest of Mexico and the disappearance of its name from the map of the world.

The news about the Bagdad affair is given thus on the 7th:

From a gentleman who left Bagdad at 9 o'clock yesterday morning, we obtain some addition al particulars of the surprise and capture of that place. Our account before published is mainly correct.

There were some four hundred negroes under command of United States officers, who comprised and had complete charge of the fillibuster expedition, all under command of REED.

The Captain of the post was taken prisoner by three American officers while asleep in his room.

The commander of the post, and Mr. LE GRAND, and Mr. J. COOPER were missing, and their whereabouts were unknown.

The negroes remained in possession of Bagdad until after daylight yesterday morning, when they recrossed to Clarksville, after which CORTINA'S men crossed and took possession of the place, and held it up to latest advices.

Mr. CASTANARES, Collector of the port of Matamoras, with his son, were on their way to the City of Mexico, made their escape across the river to Brazos, by tying white handkerchiefs around their hats.

Every species of movable property were crossed from Bagdad to Clarksville. Even iron safes were crossed and their contents rifled on the American bank, in full view of United States troops and citizens.

Seventeen dead negroes were found in the Le Grand warehouse, which shows how well the *Antonia* did her work.

One French war steamer was lying at the mouth of the river, and another was cruising up and down the bench opposite the town.

The French mail steamer, which was to have left on the 6th inst., sailed for Vera Cruz immediately on the commencement of the attack, on Friday morning last.

DR. RANCH, of this city with his family, was at Bagdad waiting an opportunity to embark for New-Orleans. Their trunks, fourteen in all, were rifled of their contents by the negroes, leaving the doctor and his family with nothing but the clothes on their backs. Many others shared the same fate.

The Sheriff of Cameron County, Texas, crossed to Bagdad yesterday and hung a negro—cause unknown.

When our informant left it was positively ascertained that MR. ALONZO, the Alcalde of Bagdad, and Lieut. DELMONTES were killed, and Capt. GOMEZ and Lieut. CASTRO wounded. Two American ladies are also reported to have been killed.

Two children, being most going to market by negroes, were murdered by them, and then robbed of their market money.

Several Frenchmen, citizens of Bagdad, are known to have been assassinated. Four wounded Imperial soldiers were at Clarksville.

The negroes are impudently parading the streets of Clarksville, displaying whatever they may have taken from Bagdad.

A large amount of property which the fillibusters could not take with them they destroyed.

The Imperial troops in Bagdad after their capture were quartered in the old St. Charles Hotel as prisoners.

All persons found parading the streets of Bagdad are shot down.

The gunboat *Antonia* arrived up from Bagdad yesterday morning, with a good sized shot-hole through her between wind and water. We have been unable to obtain any further particulars of the part she took in the affair of the fillibusters at Bagdad, more than a general confirmation of our previous account. Two men were killed and one wounded on the *Antonia*.

### Protest Against the Reciprocity Treaty.

PHILADELPHIA, Sunday, Jan. 28.

A large meeting was recently held at Williamsport, Penn., at which the agricultural, lumbering and other interests of that region were represented. Resolutions were adopted against the renewal of the Reciprocity Treaty with Canada as ruinous to the interests of the United States and advantageous only to the British Provinces.

### A Mississippi Cotton Steamer Burned—Loss of Life.

CAIRO, Sunday, Jan. 28.

The steamer *Ashiar Agnes*, with 1,020 bales of cotton, was recently burned on the Alabama River, Georgia. The boat was valued at $60,000; insured for that amount. Most of the cotton was insured. Five or six negroes were lost.

### The Eighteth New-York.

NORFOLK, VA., Saturday, Jan. 27.

The 80th New-York Regiment has been mustered out, and will leave for home on the 29th.

### Burglaries in Brooklyn on Saturday Night.

The house of Mr. JAMES MCNULTY, corner of Middagh and Fulton streets, was feloniously entered on Saturday night, through the hall door, (which had been left unlocked,) and a suit of clothes, $300 in bills, and a gold watch, in all valued at $450, was taken away. The money and clothing were stolen from the room in which MR. MCNULTY was sleeping.

The plumbing-shop of JOHN READ, No. 72 Jay-street, was broken open on Saturday night and about 25 pounds of solder was stolen therefrom, value $7.

THOMAS BOLAND and CORNELIUS CARR were arrested on Saturday night by Officers DECAMP and SMITH, of the Forty-second Precinct Police, on suspicion of having been loitering about Lightbody's plumbing establishment in Columbia-street, near Fulton, under such circumstances as to warrant their arrest. They were held for a hearing.

About 9 o'clock on Saturday evening, Mr. R. D. PORTER, of the firm of SCOTT & PORTER, stationers and printers, No. 56 Fulton-street, saw a man unlock and enter his store, which he (Mr. PORTER) relocked on the outside. Immediately after, he notified Officers MASTERSON, FOX and TURNER, who being joined by Capt. JACOBS and Roundsman PHELAN, were posted in front and rear. A ladder being procured, Capt. JACOBS and Officer FOX entered one of the second-story windows and after a long search the alleged burglar was found concealed beneath some straw in the coal-cellar. He proved to be the foreman of the establishment, having entered by means of a false key, which was found in the door. His name is CHARLES PERRINE. He was held for a hearing.

Sometime during the night of the 26th inst., the grocery store of HEISENBUTTEL & WEISSE, corner of Atlantic and Furman streets, was feloniously entered by breaking out the panels of the front basement door and stealing an overcoat valued at $26, the property of the bookkeeper of the establishment.

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All applications should be made upon the proper blank forms which are furnished gratuitously by the undersigned, and should be sent to this office before the 1st of March next; but parties wishing applications shall be accepted until the 1st of December for the delivery of their articles at New-York.

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J. C. DERBY,
United States Agent Paris Universal Exposition,
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Funeral on Monday, 29th inst., at 2 P. M.

BOGART.—After a lingering illness, on Sunday morning, Jan. 28, at Jamaica, L. I., GEORGE BOGART, aged 47 years.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend his funeral from his late residence, on Tuesday, 30th inst., at 1 o'clock P. M. Trains by Long Island Railroad at 9:30 o'clock; at 11:30 o'clock, from Hunter's Point; also by Brooklyn Central Railroad at 8:35, 10:45 A. M.

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IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS of an act of the General Assembly of this State, proposals are invited and will be received for thirty days, commencing Jan. 31, 1866, for the purchase of one million dollars of bonds of the State of Louisiana, for the issue of levee bonds, bearing interest, payable semi-annually, at the rate of eight per centum per annum, and secured by the pledge of all the proceeds of the sales of the public or swamp lands belonging to the State.
Bids will be received as low as one thousand dollars, to be addressed to the Governor of the State, and indorsed "Proposals for the purchase of Bonds."
For the information of capitalists and others who may wish to invest in these bonds, a statement is annexed, prepared by Hon. Register of the State Land Office, the number of acres of swamp land remaining unsold, and from which, it will be seen, the security offered for the redemption of the bonds and the payment of the semi-annual interest is ample and certain. With the present depreciation of paper currency below the standard of gold, these bonds offer inducements for investment of capital that cannot fail to be appreciated by the moneyed men of the country. J. MADISON WELLS,
Governor of Louisiana.

[No. 35.]
An Act to authorize the Governor to issue the bonds of the State for the amount of one million of dollars and to pledge the bonds for the payment of the same, to defray the expenses of building levees, in accordance with the contracts made by him and the Levee Commissioners appointed for that purpose.
SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana in General Assembly convened*, That the Governor of this State is hereby authorized to issue the bonds of the State, to the amount of one million of dollars, to be countersigned by the Secretary of State, and sealed with the seal of the State, in sums as he shall think proper, up to the amount aforesaid, which bonds shall be payable in twenty years, and bearing interest, payable semi-annually, at the rate of eight per centum per annum
SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted, &c.*, That the Governor, in connection with the Board of Levee Commissioners, shall advertise for thirty days in the official paper, and five other papers, published in the City of New-Orleans, for proposals for the sale of said bonds, or so much of the bonds as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this act; and upon the receipt of the bids the Governor and Board of Commissioners shall have the power to accept or reject the same, as they may deem best; provided that in the event of the bids being under par and rejected, the Governor and Board of Commissioners shall be and are hereby authorized to pledge said bonds, or any portion thereof, to the amount that may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this act, until the Legislature shall otherwise provide or direct.
SEC. 3. *Be it further enacted, &c.*, That to secure the payment of the said bonds and all interest that may accrue thereon, all the proceeds of the sale of the public or swamp lands belonging to the State are hereby pledged.
SEC. 4. *Be it further enacted, &c.*, That during the year the proceeds of the sale of public or swamp lands belonging to the State so pledged for the redemption of said bonds aforesaid, in any amount sufficient to meet the interest coupons, said proceeds be a sinking fund which shall be applied to the purchase from the lowest bidder of such bonds issued under this act, and the Governor, Secretary of State, Auditor of Public Accounts and the Commissioner or a majority of them, shall have the right of rejecting all bids, demanding more than the face of the bonds, for which purpose public notice shall be given by the Governor in the official gazette and each other gazette in or out of the State, for such time as he may invite proposals from bondholders for the sale of the bonds herein described.
SEC. 5. That this act shall take effect from and after date.
(Signed) DUNCAN S. CAGE,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
(Signed) LEBERT VOORHIES,
Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate.
Approved Dec. 22, 1865.
(Signed) J. MADISON WELLS,
Governor of the State of Louisiana.
A true copy:
H. HARDY, Secretary of State.
Statement of unsold Swamp Lands in the different land offices of the State of Louisiana:

| District. | Unsold Swamp Lands on the 1st Nov, 1861. | Sold since Nov. 1, 1861. | Swamp Lands remaining unsold. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Southwestern | 2,092,268 57 | 75,518 36 | 1,926,780 21 |
| South Red River | 613,786 45 | 80,626 37 | 703,109 11 |
| Northwestern | 955,487 63 | 84,546 69 | 840,952 26 |
| Greensburg | 214,329 61 | 50,141 30 | 164,188 31 |
| Southeastern | 1,694,115 56 | 4,173 84 | 1,519,940 06 |
| Total | 4,849,937 44 | 295,009 80 | 4,644,967 94 |

ADOLPH DUPRE,
Register of Land Office.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF COMPTROLLER OF THE CURRENCY,
WASHINGTON, Dec. 23, 1865.
WHEREAS, BY SATISFACTORY EVIDENCE presented to the undersigned, it has been made to appear that the Mechanics' and Traders' National Bank, in the City of New-York, in the County of New-York and State of New-York, has been duly organized under and according to the requirements of the act of Congress entitled an Act to provide a national currency, secured by a pledge of United States stocks, and to provide for the circulation and redemption thereof, approved June 3, 1864, and has complied with all the provisions of said act required to be complied with before commencing business under said act.
Now, therefore, I, FREEMAN CLARKE, Comptroller of the Currency, do hereby certify that the Mechanics' and Traders' National Bank of the City of New-York, in the City of New-York, in the County of New-York and State of New-York, is authorized to commence the business of banking, under the act aforesaid.
In testimony whereof, witness my hand and seal of office, this 23d day of December, 1865.
FREEMAN CLARK,
No. 1,624. Comptroller.

NOTICE.—THE MISSISQUOI BANK, FORMERly located and doing business at Sheldon, Franklin County, Vermont, having been represented insolvent and dissolved by the Court of Chancery, the undersigned was appointed receiver, and the time limited to six months from this date within which the creditors of said bank must present and prove their claims against said bank, and notice is hereby notified that the undersigned will receive such claims at the banking-house of said bank, in Sheldon, Vermont. D. D. WEAD, Receiver.
SHELDON, Vermont, Jan. 17, 1866.

OFFICE OF THE AETNA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY
OF NEW-YORK, No. 170 Broadway,
NEW-YORK, Jan. 25, 1866.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the books for the subscription of the additional capital of one hundred thousand dollars, will be open at the office of the company until the 31st inst.
The present shareholders will be entitled to an award equal to fifty per cent. of the stock.
H. C. BEACH, Secretary.

TARR FARM PETROLEUM COMPANY,
OFFICE No. 16 PINE-ST.,
NEW-YORK, Jan. 16, 1866.
AT A MEETING OF THE TRUSTEES of the TARR FARM PETROLEUM COMPANY, held Jan. 15, 1866, a dividend of One Per Cent. upon their capital stock of one million dollars, was declared payable Feb. 1, promptly. The transfer books will be closed from Jan. 25 to Feb. 3, inclusive.
J. F. HOGARTH, Secretary.

INTEREST ON CITY STOCKS.—THE INterest on the Stocks and Bonds of the Corporation of the City of New-York, due on and payable Feb. 1, 1866, will be paid on that day at the office of the Chamberlain, at the Broadway Bank
The transfer books will be closed on Tuesday, 24th inst.
CHAMBERLAIN'S OFFICE, MATTHEW T. BRENNAN, Comptroller.
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, NEW-YORK, Jan. 4, 1866.

NOTICE TO STOCKHOLDERS IN THE NATIONAL EXPRESS AND TRANSPORTATION COMPANY.—By order of the Board of Directors, a reduction of five dollars (5) per share has been made on the stock of this company, payable by the 1st day of February, at the office of Messrs. Hart & Purser, No. 74 Broadway. JOSEPH R. JOHNSON, President.

NOTICE.—THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE stockholders of the American Honduras Company, for the election of trustees, will take place at the office of the company, No. 26 Nassau-st., on MONDAY, Jan. 29, at 10 o'clock A. M. HENRY QUINPEL, Jr., Sec'y.

BRITISH-AMERICAN COAL CO.'S SCRIP—WANTED—$3.50 to $3.75 per cent. Apply to A. N. LAWRENCE, No. 42 Beaver-street.


## FINANCIAL.


NEW-YORK GUARANTY AND INDEMNITY COMPANY,
NO. 34 BROAD-ST.
CAPITAL, $2,000,000.

DIRECTORS.
A. A. Low, W. Butler Duncan,
C. Von Hoffman, George D. Cragin,
Jonathan Thorne, Herman Marcher,
Joel Wolfe, Richard Lathers,
James B. Johnston, Martin Bates,
David Dows, C. P. Dammann,
D. A. Murdock, Noah L. Wilson.
SAMUEL D. BABCOCK, President pro tem.
JAMES P. WALLACE, Vice-President.
SAMUEL G. ODDEN, Treasurer.

CASH
ADVANCES
MADE ON
MERCHANDISE, IN STORE AND IN TRANSIT,
STOCKS, BONDS AND OTHER SECURITIES.
Also, on shipments to Europe.
This company is prepared to take the management of real and personal estate, to negotiate loans for States and corporations, and to collect interest, coupons, &c.
Certificates of deposits will be issued, bearing interest.

STEPHEN H. CONDICT, New-York. DAVID JENNINGS, Charleston, S. C.
BYRON SHERMAN, New-York. WM. M. TUNNO, Savannah, Ga.

**CONDICT, SHERMAN & CO.,**
BANKERS,
No. 17 NASSAU-ST., NEW-YORK,
Give special attention to collections throughout the Southern States. Solicit deposits, subject to check at sight, from banks, bankers and individuals, and allow interest by agreement. Execute orders promptly for the purchase and sale of gold, and of government and other securities.
Sell Foreign Exchange, and buy and sell Exchange on Charleston and Savannah.
D. JENNINGS & CO., Charleston, S. C. W. M. TUNNO & CO., Savannah, Ga.

**EWELL & CLARKE,**
(SUCCESSORS TO STEDMAN, EWELL & CO.,)
BANKERS & BROKERS,
No. 57 Exchange-place and No. 19 Broad-st.,
NEW-YORK.
Prompt attention given to the purchase and sale on commission of GOVERNMENT SECURITIES, GOLD BONDS, RAILROAD and PETROLEUM STOCKS.
Mail and telegraphic orders executed with dispatch.
Interest allowed on deposits.

**H. J. MESSENGER,**
BANKER,
**NO. 139 BROADWAY,**
All denominations of 7 3-10 notes on hand for immediate delivery.
Gold, Government Securities, Stocks and Bonds bought and sold on commission.

**FISK & HATCH,**
BANKERS AND DEALERS IN
GOVERNMENT SECURITIES
No. 5 NASSAU-ST.,
Keep on hand and buy and sell at market rates, all issues of
UNITED STATES BONDS, SEVEN-THIRTY TREASURY NOTES, COMPOUND INTEREST NOTES, CERTIFICATES OF INDEBTEDNESS, &c.
Agents for the sale of the
UNITED STATES 20-YEAR 6 PER CENT. BONDS, issued in aid of the Central Pacific R. R.,
and of the
CENTRAL PACIFIC RAILROAD STATE AID BONDS, PRINCIPAL AND INT. GOLD GUARANTEED and PAID by the STATE OF CALIFORNIA.
Accounts of Banks, Bankers and others received on favorable terms.
Orders for the purchase and sale of Miscellaneous Stocks and Bonds, executed with care and promptness at the
REGULAR STOCK EXCHANGE.


## MARINE AND FIRE INSURANCE.


STATEMENT
OF THE BUSINESS AND CONDITION OF THE
METROPOLITAN INSURANCE COMPANY,
Nos. 108 and 110 Broadway,
ON THE 31ST DAY OF DECEMBER, 1865.

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| Unearned Premiums, Jan. 1, 1865 | | $519,091 90 |
| Premiums received in 1865, as follows: | | |
| On Marine risks | $697,300 99 | |
| On Fire risks | 944,906 26 | $1,592,206 25 |
| Total Premiums | | $1,701,547 66 |
| Premiums marked off as earned from Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 1865 | $1,308,892 24 | |
| Less Re-insurance | 102,196 18 | |
| Net Earned Premiums | | $1,206,695 99 |
| Losses paid during the year | | |
| On Marine risks | $332,997 07 | |
| On Fire risks | 373,307 57 | |
| Total losses | $706,304 64 | |
| Reserved for losses unadjusted | 197,995 00 | |
| Expenses, Reinsurance, Commissions and Taxes, (less interest received | 275,340 33 | $1,139,731 16 |
| Net Profit | | $566,814 90 |

CAPITAL.
The Capital of said Company actually paid up in cash is $1,000,000 00
The surplus on the 1st day of January, 1865 644,145 45
Total amount of Capital and Surplus $1,644,145 45

ASSETS.

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| Amount of cash on hand and in bank | $170,585 89 |
| Amount of cash in hands of agents and in course of transmission | 75,420 97 |
| Amount of U. S. 6 per cent. bonds | 107,000 00 |
| Amount of U. S. 5-20 5 per cent. bonds | 7,000 00 |
| Amount of U. S. 5-20 6 per cent. bonds | 13,000 00 |
| Amount of U. S. compound interest note | 500 00 |
| Amount of U. S. 7-30 Treasury notes | 648,700 00 |
| Amount of bank stocks and other miscellaneous securities | 19,900 00 |
| Amount secured by first mortgages, being first lien of record, on unincumbered real estate | 220,800 00 |
| Amount of loans on collateral, payable on demand | 181,126 49 |
| Amount of other miscellaneous loans | 26,150 79 |
| Amount due for fire premiums on policies issued at office | 23,550 99 |
| Amount due for marine premiums on policies issued at office | 45,305 98 |
| Amount of bills receivable for premiums on marine risks | 92,260 13 |
| Interest due and accrued, but not yet payable | 11,288 26 |
| | $1,644,145 45 |

The Board of Directors have this day resolved to pay a dividend of
SIX PER CENT.
on the outstanding Certificates of Profits to the holders thereof, or their legal representatives, on and after Monday the 5th of March next; also a dividend of
TWENTY PER CENT.
on the Capital Stock of the Company, payable in Cash on demand; also a dividend of
TWENTY PER CENT.
in scrip, on the net earned Participating Premiums of the Company for the year 1865, for which Certificates will be issued on and after the 2d day of April next.

DIRECTORS.
James Lorimer Graham, Henry Parish,
Robert M. C. Graham, Dudley S. Fuller,
Edward A. Stansbury, John A. Graham,
Joseph Fabbri, Gilbert L. Beekman,
Royal R. McIlvaine, Charles P. Ireland,
Frederick H. Wolcott, Joseph B. Varnum, Jr.,
William K. Strong, Watson E. Case,
John C. Henderson, Gerrard Farnold,
Gustavus A. Conover, Edward Macomber,
Martin Bates, J. Lorimer Graham, Jr.
Samuel D. Babcock, Henry C. Bedford,
Franklin H. Delano, Geo. W. Hatch.

OFFICERS.
JAMES LORIMER GRAHAM, President.
ROBERT M. C. GRAHAM, Vice-President.
J. LORIMER GRAHAM, JR., 2d Vice-Prest.
B. H. FOSTER, Secretary.
NEW-YORK, Jan. 23, 1866.

OFFICE OF BOWERY INSURANCE CO.,
No. 9 WALL-ST.,
NEW-YORK, Jan. 10, 1866.
AT AN ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS of this company, held this day, the following gentlemen were unanimously elected three of whom are three years ensuing:

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| M. E. SPAULDING, | EDWARD A. BIBBY, |
| GEORGE T. WORDEN, | GERRARD FARNOLD, |
| FREDERICK C. OAKLEY, | JOSEPH F. SANXAY, |
| F. J. HOSFORD, | HIRAM GAGE, |
| J. M. TOBIN, | CHAS. E. PELL, |
| BENJAMIN W. FLOYD, | D. D. STARR, |
| OLIVER BRYAN, | MARTIN A. HOWELL. |

At a subsequent meeting of the Board James C. Harriott was unanimously reelected President for the ensuing year.
JOHN G. HAVILAND, Secretary.

BROAD TOP COAL AND IRON COMPANY,
OFFICE No. 26 EXCHANGE-PLACE,
NEW-YORK, Jan. 25, 1866.
THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STOCKHOLDERS for the election of seven directors for the ensuing year will be held (in conformity with the laws of Pennsylvania) at Carlisle's Hotel, Morrisville, Penn., on TUESDAY, Feb. 13, 1866, at 1 o'clock P. M. The books will be open until 2 o'clock P. M. The transfer books will be closed from the 7th to the 13th February.
FRED. G. SCHIRA, Secretary.

OFFICE OF MONTAUK & N. COMPANY,
No. 211 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK, Jan. 20, 1866.
A MEETING OF THE STOCKHOLDERS of this company will be held at their office, on WEDNESDAY, Feb. 14, at 2 o'clock P. M., to take into consideration the increasing of the capital stock of the company.
CHAS. W. COPELAND, JAMES HOWE, E. WARE, } Directors.

OFFICE OF THE JEFFERSON INSURANCE COMPANY,
No. 7 WALL-ST.,
NEW-YORK, Jan. 20, 1866.
THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS of this company will be held at this office on MONDAY, Feb. 5, 1866.
Polls open from 1 to 2 o'clock, P. M.
SAMUEL E. SHLCHER, Secretary.

NEW YORK AND SANTA FE MINING COMPANY OF NEVADA.—The annual meeting of the Stockholders for choice of officers and transaction of such business as may be legally brought before the meeting, will be held at the office of the company, No. 26 Pine-st., on WEDNESDAY, 7th of February, at 12 o'clock M.
JOHN J. OSBORN, Secretary.
NEW-YORK, Jan. 22, 1866.

NEW-YORK AND NEVADA GOLD AND SILVER MILL AND MINING COMPANY.—The annual meeting of the stockholders for choice of officers and transaction of other business will be held at the office of the Company, No. 26 Pine-st., on MONDAY, 5th FEBRUARY, at 12 o'clock M.
JOHN J. OSBORN, Sec.
NEW-YORK, Jan. 22, 1866.

RAILROAD NOTICE.—NOTICE IS HEREBY given that the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Dubuque and Sioux City Railroad Company, for the election of Directors, will take place at the office of the company, Dubuque, Iowa, on MONDAY and TUESDAY, Feb. 12, 13, 1866. LOUIS BOISOT, Secretary.
DUBUQUE, Jan. 2, 1866.

COMMISSIONER FOR MASSACHUSETTS and other States.—No. 5 Beekman-st. Room No. 6, first door over Park Bank.


## FINANCIAL.


DEPEW & POTTER,
BANKERS,
NO. 11 BROAD-ST., NEW-YORK,
Allow interest at the rate of FOUR PER CENT. per annum on deposits which may be checked for at sight.
Special attention given to the purchase and sale of Government Securities.
Miscellaneous Stocks and Bonds bought and sold on commission.
Collections made promptly on all points.
HENRY W. POTTER.
CHAUNCEY M. DEPEW,
(Late Secretary of State.)

**VERMILYE & CO.,**
BANKERS,
NO. 44 WALL-ST., NEW-YORK,
KEEP CONSTANTLY ON HAND FOR
IMMEDIATE DELIVERY,
ALL ISSUES OF
UNITED STATES STOCKS,
INCLUDING
6 PER CENT. BONDS OF 1881.
6 PER CENT. 5-20 BONDS OF 1862.
6 PER CENT. 5-20 BONDS OF 1864.
6 PER CENT. 5-20 BONDS OF 1865.
5 PER CENT. 10-40 BONDS.
7 3-10 PER CENT. TREASURY NOTES, 1ST, 2D AND 3D SERIES.
6 PER CENT. CURRENCY CERTIFICATES.
ORDERS from BANKS and BANKERS, for the PURCHASE and SALE of Government Stocks executed ON FAVORABLE TERMS and with DISPATCH.
Also for all securities dealt in at the Stock Exchange.
COMPOUND INTEREST NOTES OF 1864 BOUGHT and SOLD. VERMILYE & CO.

E. CLEWS, WM. B. BEND. GEO. H. BEND. THEO. S. FOWLER.

**HENRY CLEWS & CO.,**
(Successors to Livermore, Clews & Co.,)
BANKERS,
No. 32 WALL-ST., NEW-YORK.
UNITED STATES SECURITIES
PURCHASED AND FOR SALE.
All kinds on hand, ready for instant delivery, at the lowest market prices.
DEPOSITS IN CURRENCY AND GOLD RECEIVED.
Accounts of banks, bankers and individuals solicited.
FOUR PER CENT. INTEREST ALLOWED ON ALL DAILY BALANCES
which may be checked for without notice.
Collections made promptly on all points.
Orders for stocks, bonds and gold executed on commission.
Gold for payment of duties for sale in sums to suit.

JOHN J. CISCO & SON,
BANKERS,
NO. 53 WALL-STREET,
NEW-YORK,
RECEIVE MONEY ON DEPOSIT,
and allow interest at the rate of Four per Cent. per annum on daily balances, which may be checked for at sight.
NEGOTIATE LOANS AND BUSINESS PAPER.
EXECUTE PROMPTLY ORDERS FOR THE PURCHASE AND SALE OF GOLD.
BUY AND SELL GOVERNMENT AND OTHER SECURITIES ON COMMISSION.
MAKE COLLECTIONS ON ALL PARTS OF THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA.
JOHN J. CISCO,
(Late of the United States Treasury in New-York.)
JOHN ASHFIELD CISCO.

PORTAGE LAKE AND LAKE SUPERIOR SHIP CANAL COMPANY.
FIRST MORTGAGE BONDS.
SECURED BY PUBLIC LANDS.
Ten per Cent. Interest—Payable Semi-Annually.
These bonds are issued to aid in the construction of a Ship Canal from Portage Lake to Lake Superior, across the promontory of Keweenaw Point, forming a link in the chain of the navigation of Lake Superior, via Sault St. Marie Canal, with the Lower Lakes. The importance of this enterprise has been recognized by Congress by an act approved March 3, 1865, and confirmed by an act of the Legislature of the State of Michigan, passed March 8, 1865, granting to this company two hundred thousand acres of public lands, located in the rich mineral region of the upper peninsula of the State of Michigan.
The whole amount of bonds to be issued is limited by the company to five hundred thousand dollars, and secured by a first mortgage on all the franchises, rights, privileges and tolls of the Canal Company, together with the said two hundred thousand acres of public lands. The bonds are payable in ten years from the 1st July, 1865, with interest at the rate of ten per cent., as authorized by the laws of Michigan, payable semi-annually, on the 1st days of January and July, at the Ocean Bank in the City of New-York, and are offered for sale by the office of the President of the Company, H. A. TUCKER, No. 4 Broad-st.

OFFICE OF THE ATLANTIC MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY, NEW-YORK, Jan. 17, 1866.
THE TRUSTEES OF THE CORPORATION TO whom the charter of the company, submit the following statement of its affairs on the 31st December, 1865:

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| Premiums received on marine risks, from 1st January, 1865, to 31st December, 1865 | $4,982,146 98 |
| Premiums on policies not marked off 1st January, 1865 | 2,019,326 78 |
| Total amount of Marine Premiums | $6,952,471 63 |
| No policies have been issued upon life risks nor upon risks of Inland Navigation and Transportation. | |
| Premiums marked off from 1st January, 1865, to 31st December, 1865 | $4,764,146 98 |
| Losses paid during the same period | $3,629,178 45 |
| Returns of premiums and expenses | 1,099,241 44 |
| The company has the following assets, viz.: | |
| United States and State of New-York Stock | 4,629,538 00 |
| City, Bank, and other stocks | 3,291,360 00 |
| Loans secured by stocks, and otherwise | 721,200 00 |
| Real Estate and Bond and Mortgages | |
| Dividends on stocks, interest on bonds and mortgages, and other loans, sundry notes, insurances, and other claims due the company, estimated at | 144,984 43 |
| Premium notes and bills receivable | 3,283,901 98 |
| Cash in bank, coin | 60,462 00 |
| Cash in bank, United States Treasury Note Currency | 336,851 78 |
| Total amount of assets | $12,199,978 17 |

Six per cent. interest on the outstanding certificates of profits will be paid to the holders thereof, on and after Tuesday, the 6th of February next.
Fifty per cent. of the outstanding certificates of the issue of 1861 will be redeemed and paid to the holders thereof, or their legal representatives, on and after Tuesday, the 6th February next, from which date interest on the amount, for redemption, will cease. The certificates to be produced at the time of payment and canceled to the extent paid.
A dividend of 35 per cent. is declared on the net earned premiums for the company, for the year ending 31st December, 1865, for which certificates will be issued on and after Tuesday, the 3d of April next.
By order of the board,
J. H. CHAPMAN, Secretary.

TRUSTEES.

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| JOHN D. JONES, | WM. STURGIS, |
| CHARLES DENNIS, | HENRY E. DOGERT, |
| W. H. H. MOORE, | JOSHUA J. HENRY, |
| HENRY COIT, | DENNIS PERKINS, |
| WM. C. PICKERSGILL, | JOHN GRISWOLD, JR., |
| LEWIS CURTIS, | HENRY BURGY, |
| CHARLES H. RUSSELL, | CORNELIUS GRINNELL, |
| LOWELL HOLBROOK, | C. A. HAND, |
| S. WARREN WESTON, | D. HENRY LAND, |
| ROYAL PHELPS, | BENJ. BABCOCK, |
| CALEB BARSTOW, | FLETCHER WESTRAY, |
| A. P. PILLOT, | ROBT. B. MINTURN, JR., |
| WM. E. DODGE, | JOHN WINSLOW, |
| GEO. G. HOBSON, | GORDON W. BURNHAM, |
| DAVID LANE, | FREDK. CHAUNCEY, |
| JAMES BRICE, | GEO. S. STEPHENSON, |
| LEROY M. WILEY. | WILLIAM H. WEBB, |
| DANIEL S. MILLER. | |
| JOHN D. JONES, President. | |
| CHARLES DENNIS, Vice-President. | |
| W. H. H. MOORE, Second Vice-President. | |
| J. D. MEWLETT, Third Vice-President. | |

LOCKWOOD & CO., BANKERS,
NO. 54 BROADWAY AND NO. 6 WALL-ST.
Dealers in government and other securities.
Interest allowed upon deposits of gold and currency, subject to check at sight. Gold loaned to merchants and bankers upon favorable terms.

TRAVELING CREDITS.
Circular notes for $10 and upwards, on the Union Bank of London, available in all the principal towns and cities of Europe, for sale, at the current rate of exchange, by
I. P. MORTON & CO., Bankers. No. 56 Wall-st.

NEW-YORK AND NEW-HAVEN RAILROAD COMPANY STOCK.—Stockholders who do not wish to avail themselves of the privilege to which they are entitled by resolution of the Directors, 22d inst., of subscribing for new stock, can obtain a premium for their rights upon application to
GEO. C. DUNBAR, No. 46 Pine-st.,
Dealer in Railroad Stocks and Bonds not sold at the Stock Exchanges, and Telegraph and Express Stocks.

$40,000 WANTED, FOR TWO OR three years, on real estate in Western, New-York, worth ten times the amount. A liberal commission allowed. Address Box No. 1,076, New-York P.O.


## SAVINGS BANKS.


SIX PER CENT. INTEREST, FREE FROM TAX.
MARKET SAVINGS BANK,
No. 62 Nassau-street, New-York.
Deposits made now will draw interest from Feb. 1.
HENRY R. CONKLIN, Secretary. WM. VAN NAME, President.

SIX PER CENT. INTEREST,
Free from government tax, allowed on deposits of $5 and upwards by the
CITIZENS' SAVINGS BANK,
NO. 1 THIRD-AV.
W. J. BARNES, Secretary. ISAAC T. SMITH, President.

SIX PER CENT. INTEREST PAID.
Free from government tax.
THIRD-AVENUE SAVINGS BANK,
Corner of Twenty-fifth-street and Third-avenue.

NEW-YORK SAVINGS BANK, CORNER of Broadway and 32d-st. Open daily from 10 A. M. to 3 P. M.; Monday and Thursday evenings from 5 to 8 o'clock. SIX PER CENT INTEREST, free from government tax. Deposits made on or before the 5th will draw interest from that date.
THOS CHERITREE, Jr., Treas.
R. H. BULL, Secretary.


## LOST AND FOUND.


$100 REWARD.—THE ABOVE REWARD will be paid for information leading to the recovery of a number of SURVEYS, REPORTS and DIAGRAMS of surfaces during establishments, missing from the office of the North American Fire Insurance Company, No. 114 Broadway. These papers are of value to Insurance companies only, and all parties in whose possession they may be found will be dealt with according to law.

LOST—IN 6TH-AV., BETWEEN 18TH AND 36TH Sts., a POCKET-BOOK containing about $26, a small gold pencil and cards of visits. The finder will be rewarded by leaving it at No. 24 Twenty-first-st.

LOST—AN ALPACCA UMBRELLA; LEFT ON the Harlem Railroad train due at 26th-st. 8:30 A. M. The finder will be rewarded on leaving it at the advertising desk *Times* Office.

LOST—$65, ROLLED UP IN ONE PARCEL—SUPposed to be lost on or near Beekman-st. The finder will be liberally rewarded by restoring it to the owner, BLANCARD, at Mr. Materan's, No. 31 Beekman-st.


## DIVIDENDS.


DIVIDEND NOTICE.
CONTINENTAL
INSURANCE COMPANY,
No. 102 Broadway.

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| Cash Capital | $500,000 00 |
| Surplus | 1,032,889 34 |
| | $1,532,889 34 |

Three-fourths of the Profits of the Business Divided to its Customers, without imposing on them any liability whatever.
NEW-YORK, Jan. 9, 1866.
This Company has this day declared
A SEMI-ANNUAL DIVIDEND
OF
SEVEN PER CENT.
to its Stockholders, payable to them, or their legal representatives, on and after THURSDAY, 11th inst.
GEO. T. HOPE, President.
H. H. LAMPORT, Secretary.
CYRUS PECK, Assistant Secretary.

TWELFTH DIVIDEND.
GEBHARD
FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY,
NO. 141 BROADWAY.

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| Cash Capital | $200,000 |
| Assets | 252,000 |

NEW-YORK, Jan. 25, 1866.
The Board of Directors have THIS DAY declared a dividend of SIX PER CENT., payable on the first day of February, free of government tax.
JOHN R. SMITH, Secretary.

HOME INSURANCE COMPANY,
NO. 135 BROADWAY,
NEW-YORK.
JAN. 25, 1866.
A dividend of FIVE per cent., free of government tax, was THIS DAY declared by the Board of Directors, payable on demand. JOHN McGEE, Secretary.

NEW-JERSEY ZINC COMPANY.
At a meeting of the Board of Directors of this Company held this day a dividend of Eight Per Cent. on the Preferred Stock was declared payable on and after Feb. 1, prox., at the transfer office of the Company, No. 61 Maiden-lane, New-York.
The Transfer Books will be closed from the 20th inst. to 30th inst., both days inclusive.
JAN. 17, 1866. B. S. GIBLIN, Sec'y.

DIVIDEND.
The Board of Directors of the BROADWAY AND SEVENTH-AVENUE RAILROAD COMPANY have this day declared a Dividend of Five (5) per Cent. on the capital stock, payable at the National Broadway Bank on the 1st day of February, 1866.
JOHN KERR, President.

FIFTY-SIXTH DIVIDEND.
NORTH AMERICAN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY,
NO. 19 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK, Jan. 9, 1866.
The Board of Directors have THIS DAY declared an interest dividend of FIVE PER CENT. on the capital stock, payable on demand.
H. W. SLEECKER, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE ERIE RAILWAY COMPANY,
NEW-YORK, Jan. 17, 1866.
DIVIDEND.—THE DIRECTORS OF THIS Company have declared a Semi-annual Dividend from the earnings of the six months ending 31st December ultimo, of THREE AND ONE-HALF Per Cent. on the PREFERRED STOCK.
Also, a Dividend of FOUR Per Cent. on the COMMON CAPITAL STOCK.
Both payable, less the government tax, on MONDAY, the 5th day of February, at the Treasurer's Office, Erie Place, to the registered holders of stock at the closing of the books.
The transfer books of both classes of stock will be closed on Saturday, the 20th inst., and be reopened on Wednesday, the 7th of February.
HORATIO N. OTIS, Secretary.

MILWAUKEE AND PRAIRIE DU CHIEN RAILWAY COMPANY'S OFFICE, No. 49 EXCHANGE-PLACE, (ROOM No. 26, THIRD FLOOR.)
NEW-YORK, Jan. 26, 1866.
DIVIDENDS OF (4) FOUR PER CENT. on First Preferred, and (3½) three and one-half per cent. on Second Preferred Scrip, issued for the first six months ending 22d January, 1866, will be paid 1st February next, to Stockholders of record 22d January.
N. C. ROCKWOOD, Treasurer.
The Transfer Books are closed for the First Preferred Stock from 1st to 11th February inclusive.
G. F. TAINTOR, Transfer Agent.

DIVIDEND.—THE PETER COOPER FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY have declared a Dividend of Five Per Cent. (free of government tax,) payable at their office, corner of 3d-st. and 4th-av., on the 1st day of February next.
The transfer-books will be closed from the 20th to the 31st of January, inclusive.
By order.
WILLIAM. H. REBLET, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE DELAWARE AND TOMKINS CANAL CO., NEW YORK, January 11, 1866.
THE BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THIS Company have declared a semi-annual dividend of EIGHT PER CENT. out of the profits of the company, payable, free of Government tax, on and after the 1st day of February next, to the holders of their scrip.
The transfer books are now closed, and will remain closed until Monday, 29th inst. By order of the Board,
ISAAC N. SEYMOUR, Treasurer.

NEW-JERSEY RAILROAD TRANSPORTATION CO.,
OFFICE No. 7 NASSAU-ST.,
NEW-YORK, Jan. 17, 1866.
DIVIDEND.—THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS of this Company have declared a semi-annual dividend of five per cent. (free of government tax) payable on and after Feb. 1. Transfer books will remain closed until 31 February.
H. J. SOUTHMAYD, Treasurer.

REPUBLIC FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY,
No. 128 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK, Jan. 25, 1866.
DIVIDEND.—THE SEMI-ANNUAL INTEREST Dividend of Three and a half Per Cent. on the capital stock, (free of government tax,) has this day been declared, payable on demand.
D. F. OUBRY, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE PEOPLE'S FIRE INSURANCE CO.,
NEW-YORK, Jan. 25, 1866.
DIVIDEND.—THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS of the PEOPLE'S FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY have this day declared a Divid

## SHIPPING.

**AMERICAN LINE TO ENGLAND AND BREMEN.**

Fast and safe ocean steamers, with comfortable accommodations for passengers.

THE NORTH AMERICAN & LLOYD STEAMSHIP COMPANY'S FIRST-CLASS MAIL STEAMSHIP WESTERN METROPOLIS,

OSCAR HOVER, Commander,

of 3,000 tons, 1,000 horse-power, built in 1864, and thoroughly adapted for trans-Atlantic service, will leave for Bremen, calling at Cowes, on THURSDAY, the 16th of March.

PRICE OF PASSAGE, PAYING IN GOLD:

First Cabin.....$150 00
Second Cabin.....60 00
Steerage.....37 50

An experienced surgeon on board.

The Company will not be responsible for specie or valuables unless bills of lading having the value expressed are signed therefor.

The next first-class steamship will leave 29th of March.

For freight or passage, apply at the Company's office, No. 61 Broadway.

EUGEE BRUGIERE, General Agents.
No. 45 Beaver-st.

**ONLY AMERICAN LINE TO ENGLAND AND FRANCE.**

The New-York and Havre Steamship Company's first-class mail steamships PERE and FULTON, having been thoroughly refitted, will leave Pier No. 37 North River for Havre, calling at Falmouth, as follows:

LAFAYETTE.....HENRY A. HABRISON.....Sat. 29, 1868.
FULTON.....JAMES M. WOTTON.....Feb. 17, 1868.
LAFAYETTE.....HENRY A. GIBBONS.....March 17, 1868.
FULTON.....JAMES A. WOTTON.....April 14, 1868.

And every 30 days thereafter.

PRICES OF PASSAGE IN GOLD.

First cabin.....$120 50 | Second cabin.....$80 00

Through tickets to London, $5 extra.

An experienced surgeon on board.

The company will not be responsible for specie or valuables unless bills of lading, having the value expressed, are signed therefor.

For further information, apply to

ISAAC BELL, President,
No. 9 Broadway, New-York.

**THE BRITISH AND NORTH AMERICAN ROYAL MAIL STEAMSHIPS,**

BETWEEN NEW-YORK AND LIVERPOOL, CALLING AT CORK HARBOR.

AND

BETWEEN BOSTON AND LIVERPOOL, CALLING AT HALIFAX AND CORK HARBOR.

ASIA leaves Boston Wednesday, Jan. 29.
ANGLO SAXON leaves New-York Wednesday, Feb. 7.
AFRICA leaves Boston Wednesday, Feb. 14.
AUSTRALASIAN leaves New-York Wednesday, Feb. 21.
CANADA leaves Boston Wednesday, Feb. 26.
CUBA leaves New-York Wednesday, March 4.

FROM NEW-YORK TO LIVERPOOL.

Chief Cabin Passage.....$128 50
Second Cabin Passage.....80 00

FROM BOSTON TO LIVERPOOL.

Chief Cabin Passage.....$125 50
Second Cabin Passage.....75 00

Payable in gold, or its equivalent in United States currency.

Ticket not secured until paid for.

An experienced surgeon on board.

The owners of these ships will not be accountable for specie or valuables unless bills of lading, having the value expressed therein, are signed therefor.

For freight or cabin passage, apply at the office of the Company, No. 87 Broadway.

C. H. EDWARDS, Manager.

For steerage passage at THOMPSON'S Passage Office, No. 279 Pearl-st., and at the Company's Office, No. 87 Broadway.

**STEAM TO LIVERPOOL—CALLING AT Queenstown.** The Inman Line, sailing semi-weekly, carries the United States Mails.

CITY OF LONDON.....WEDNESDAY.....Jan. 29
CITY OF BOSTON.....SATURDAY.....Feb. 8
ETNA.....SATURDAY.....Feb. 15
CITY OF MANCHESTER.....WEDNESDAY.....Feb. 19

and each succeeding SATURDAY and WEDNESDAY, at noon, from Pier No. 44 North River.

RATES OF PASSAGE.

BY THE MAIL STEAMER SAILING EVERY SATURDAY.

First Cabin.....$80 | Steerage.....$30
First Cabin to London.....95 | Steerage to London.....35
First Cabin to Paris.....105 | Steerage to Paris.....40

PAYABLE IN GOLD.

Passage by the Wednesday steamers: First Cabin, $80; Steerage, $30. Payable in U. S. currency.

Passengers also forwarded to Havre, Hamburg, Bremen, &c., at moderate rates.

Steerage passage from Liverpool or Queenstown, $30 gold, or the equivalent. Tickets can be bought here by persons sending for their friends.

For further information apply at the Company's Offices.

JOHN G. DALE, Agent, No. 15 Broadway, New-York.

**FOR HAVANA VIA NASSAU, N. P.**

The British and North American Royal Mail Steam Packet Company's new iron steamer CORSICA, Capt. LE MESSURIER, will sail for the above ports, from the company's wharf, at Jersey City, on

MONDAY, 27th inst.

Passage money to Nassau.....$45
Passage money to Havana.....50

payable in gold or its equivalent.

No freight received on day previous to sailing.

For freight or passage, apply to

E. CUNARD, No. 4 Bowling-green.

**FOR HAVANA DIRECT.**

The United States mail side-wheel steamship MORRO CASTLE,

R. ADAMS, Commander,

will leave Pier No. 4 North River, on WEDNESDAY, Feb. 5, at 3 o'clock. P. M., precisely, for Havana direct.

For freight or passage, apply to

SPOFFORD, TILESTON & CO.,
No. 29 Broadway.

N. B.—The favorite steamer EAGLE will succeed the MORRO CASTLE, and leave on Feb. 14.

**UNITED STATES MAIL LINE FOR RIO DE JANEIRO,**

CALLING AT

ST. THOMAS, PARA, PERNAMBUCO AND BAHIA EVERY TRIP.

THE UNITED STATES AND BRAZIL MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY

will dispatch regularly, on the 20th of each month, at 3 P. M., from Pier No. 43 North River.

ONE OF THEIR NEW FIRST-CLASS STEAMSHIPS.

NORTH AMERICA,

L. F. TENNERMANN, Commander,

WILL LEAVE

ON MONDAY, 27th OF JANUARY.

An experienced Surgeon is attached to each steamship.

All letters must pass through the Post-office.

Large lots of heavy freight at low rates.

For freight or passage apply to

THOMAS ASENCIO & CO.,
No. 17 Broadway.

**THE DEPARTURE OF THE NORTH AMERICA** has been postponed until TUESDAY, the 28th, at 3 P. M., so as to give an opportunity to answer the letters of the South American, due to-day.

**FOR RICHMOND, CITY POINT AND NORFOLK.**

GOES TO THE WHARF AT RICHMOND.

The new and elegant steamship
HATTERAS, Capt. LEWIS PARRIS, every SATURDAY, at 12 M.
ALABAMA, Capt. H. A. BOURNE, every WEDNESDAY, at 12 M.

FROM PIER NO. 29 NORTH RIVER.

Freight for Norfolk, Va., and all points on Roanoke River, will be forwarded by the agent at Norfolk, free of charge.

For freight or passage, having unsurpassed accommodations. Apply to

LIVINGSTON, FOX & CO.,
No. 141 Broadway.

Freight received on our covered pier, No. 36 North River, at all times during business hours.

Goods consigned to our address promptly forwarded. All bills of lading signed on board the ship.

**FOR NORFOLK, CITY POINT AND RICHMOND.**

The OLD LINE, from Pier No. 21, North River.
Central Wharf, Va.
EVERY SATURDAY, at 3 P. M.
SARATOGA, Capt. KING.
EVERY WEDNESDAY, at 3 P. M.
G. HENDERSON & PALMORE,
No. 115 Broadway.
Agents New-York and Virginia Steamship Co.

**FOR MOBILE DIRECT.**

REGULAR LINE.

The first-class steamships
GULF STREAM, Capt. JAMES HOWARD.
GULF STREAM, Capt. ROBERT MOUNT.
VICKSBURGH, Capt. WILLIAM C. HUNTER.
MEMPHIS, Capt. C. H. WILLIAMS.

For freight or passage, with superior accommodations, apply to

SMITH & DUNNING,
No. 46 South-st.

Being freight will be charged on all goods for which bills of lading are not taken out before the steamer sails.

The new steamer GULF STREAM is now receiving freight at Pier No. 37, East River, and will sail on WEDNESDAY, Jan. 29, at 3 o'clock P. M.

**FOR GALVESTON, TEXAS—THE NEW, A** splendid and very fast A1 steamship SARAGOSSA, Burthen, 2,000 tons, will have quick dispatch for the above port. For freight or passage, having superior accommodations, apply to

ARTHUR LEARY,
No. 73 William-st.

## SHIPPING.

**PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY'S THROUGH LINE**

**TO CALIFORNIA,**

AND CARRYING THE UNITED STATES MAIL, leave Pier No. 42 North River, foot of Canal-st., at 12 o'clock noon, on the 1st, 11th and 21st of every month, (except when those dates fall on Sunday, and then on the preceding Saturday,) for ASPINWALL, connecting, via Panama Railway, with one of the company's steamships from Panama for SAN FRANCISCO, touching at ACAPULCO.

FEBRUARY.

1st. HENRY CHAUNCEY, connecting with the COLORADO.
10th. ATLANTIC, connecting with SACRAMENTO.
21st. NEW-YORK, connecting with CONSTITUTION.

Departures of 1st and 21st connect at Panama with steamers for SOUTH PACIFIC PORTS; 1st and 11th for CENTRAL AMERICAN PORTS. Times of 1st touch at MANZANILLO.

THROUGH PASSAGE RATES, IN CURRENCY.

First Cabin. Second Cabin. Steerage.
$300 $200 $100

Discount of ONE-QUARTER from steamers rates will be allowed to second cabin and steerage passengers accompanied by their families.

Baggage checked through. One hundred pounds allowed each adult.

An experienced surgeon on board. Medicines and attendance free.

For passage tickets or further information apply at the company's ticket office, on the wharf, foot of Canal-st., North River, New-York.

F. W. G. BELLOWS, Agent.

**FOR CALIFORNIA VIA NICARAGUA.**

EXTRAORDINARY LOW PRICES.

First Class. Second Class. Third Class.
$175 to $200. $100. $50.

THROUGH TO SAN FRANCISCO.

The Central American Transit Company having placed a fine new steamboat on LAKE NICARAGUA, thereby insuring passengers

A PROMPT AND RELIABLE TRANSIT,

will dispatch this fast and elegant steamship
SAN FRANCISCO DE CUBA,
JERRY H. SMITH, Esq., Commander,
on TUESDAY, Feb. 25, at noon, from Pier No. 29 North River, foot of Warren-st., at the above

EXTRAORDINARY LOW PRICES.

For passage apply early, by mail or in person, at No. 177 West-st., corner of Vesey-st.

D. McC. CARRINGTON, Agent.

**PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.**

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

Consignees of freight per Pacific Mail Steamship Company's steamers will receive orders for delivery at the office of WELLS, FARGO & CO., No. 84 Broadway, upon surrender of their bills of lading.

Goods remaining on the wharf twenty-four hours after discharge will be stored at expense and risk of consignees.

WELLS, FARGO & CO.,
Sole Agents P. M. S. S. Co.

**FOR CALIFORNIA VIA PANAMA.**

The Pacific Mail Steamship Company's steamer HENRY CHAUNCEY, will sail on THURSDAY, Feb. 1, at 12 o'clock M., from company's pier foot of Canal-st., North River. WELLS, FARGO & CO.,
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**FOR SAVANNAH, GA., DIRECT.**

ATLANTIC COAST MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
WEEKLY LINE

of side-wheel steamers, connecting with railroads throughout Georgia and Florida.

HERMAN LIVINGSTON.....Capt. J. B. BAKER.
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First cabin passage.....$25 | Deck.....$10

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For freight or passage, having unsurpassed accommodations, apply to

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Agent at Savannah, Messrs. WILDER & FULLERTON, who will forward goods intrusted for the interior. All bills of lading signed and signed on board.

**FOR SAVANNAH—PIONEER LINE.**

A first-class steamship leaves Pier No. 4 North River EVERY THURSDAY, at 3 P.M., landing cargo in Savannah the following Monday morning.

Cabin passage.....$25 | Deck.....$10

Freight, as per tariff.

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For deck passage apply on board.

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**SOUTHERN SHIPPERS TO SAVANNAH** Are notified that the railroad is complete from that city to Augusta, and expressed are run daily for all descriptions of merchandise shipped by Adams' Express Company, New-York.

New-York, Jan. 15, 1868.

**FOR CHARLESTON, S. C.**

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EMILY F. SOUDER.....Capt. H. LOCKWOOD.
MONEKA.....Capt. WM. MARSHMAN.

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BLACK STAR LINE.

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FOR NEW-ORLEANS, via NASSAU, N. P.,
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For freight or passage, having elegant accommodations, apply to

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## RAILROADS.

**HUDSON RIVER AND HARLEM RAILROADS.**

On and after MONDAY, Jan. 1, 1868, trains for Albany and Troy, connecting with Northern and Western lines, will leave New-York as follows:

7:30 A. M. via Hudson River Railroad, 30th-st. and 9th-av., connecting with Harlem River Railroad, 129th-st. and 8th-av.

10 A. M. via Hudson River Railroad, connecting with Northern and Western lines for the West.

11 A. M. via Harlem Railroad, 26th-st. and 4th-av., connecting with trains for North and West.

3:40 P. M. via Hudson River Railroad, connecting at Troy with trains for Montreal, with sleeping-car attached.

4 P. M. via Harlem Railroad, connecting at Albany with Western trains, and at Troy with Rensselaer and Saratoga and Troy and Boston, for points North, with sleeping-cars attached.

6 P. M. via Hudson River Railroad; sleeping-cars from New-York to Buffalo and Suspension Bridge without change. Also, to Montreal via Saratoga. Runs train runs on Sundays.

10 P. M. via Hudson River Railroad; with sleeping-cars attached, connecting at Albany and Troy with morning trains for North and West.

WM. H. VANDERBILT, Vice-President.

6:30 P. M.

SPECIAL TRAIN TO PHILADELPHIA

ADAMS' EXPRESS COMPANY'S FREIGHTS

Will leave Jersey City every evening at 6:30 P. M.

SHIPPERS WILL PLEASE BEAR THIS IN MIND.

To Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington and other points West and South, can ship by this company as late as 6 P. M., from office, 59 Broadway.

GOODS

Delivered to our wagons before 5:30 P. M. will go forward same day.

RATES GREATLY REDUCED

For large shipments.

ADAMS EXPRESS COMPANY.

**ERIE RAILWAY.—TRAINS LEAVE DEPOT** (foot of Chambers-st., via Pavonia Ferry):

7:00 A. M.—Day Express, for Canandaigua, Rochester, Buffalo, Salamanca and West. Connects at Buffalo with Lake Shore and Grand Trunk Railways, and at Salamanca, with Atlantic and Great Western Railway.

8:30 A. M.—Milk and Way Train, daily, for Otisville.

10:30 A. M.—Express train, for Buffalo, Salamanca, and Dunkirk, connecting with Lake Shore and Atlantic and Great Western Railways.

4:00 P. M.—Way Train, for Port Jervis and Newburgh.

4:30 P. M.—Express train, for Canandaigua, Rochester, Buffalo, Salamanca and West.

6:00 P. M.—Lightning Express, Daily, for Canandaigua, Rochester, Buffalo, Salamanca, Dunkirk, and West; connects at Buffalo with Lake Shore and Grand Trunk Railways, and at Salamanca, with Atlantic and Great Western Railway.

9:00 P. M.—Emigrant Train, daily, for Buffalo, Salamanca, Dunkirk and West.

HUGH RIDDER, General Superintendent.
WM. R. BARR, Gen'l Pass. Agent, N. York.

**FOR CAMDEN DIRECT, VIA RARITAN AND DELAWARE RAILROAD.**—Fare, $2. Excursion tickets, good for three days, $3.

On and after Jan. 3, 1868, from Pier No. 3, North River, at 12:15 P. M. Express line, through to Camden in five hours.

Passengers for Barnegat, Tuckerton, Hammonton, Egg Harbor City, &c., will take this train.

Accommodation train leaves Camden for Atlantic at 11 P. M.

FREIGHT for Camden, Vineland, &c., will be taken at low rates. If delivered before 12 o'clock, noon, will reach Camden the same night.

J. N. BILLINGS, Agent, Pier No. 3.
W. S. SNEDEN, Superintendent.

**PERTH AMBOY & WOODBRIDGE R. R.**

From foot of Cortlandt-st.

Leave New-York for Perth Amboy and Woodbridge—7 and 10 A. M., 2, 4:30 and 6:30 P. M.

Leave Amboy—7:10, 8:45 A. M., 12 M., 2:55, 6:26 P. M.

Leave Woodbridge—7:20, 8:55 A. M., 12:15, 4:10, 6:30 P. M.

**NORTHERN RAILROAD OF NEW-JERSEY.**—Trains leave Jersey City for Piermont at 9:15 A. M., 12:30, 4:25, and 6:30 P. M. The 9:15 and 4:25 run through to Monroe. On Monday only for Piermont at 9:15 A. M. THOS. W. DEMAREST, Superintendent.

## PROPOSALS

**PROPOSALS FOR ARMY TRANSPORTATION.**

OFFICER OF THE DEPOT QUARTERMASTER,
FORT LEAVENWORTH, Kansas, Dec. 19, 1867.

Sealed proposals will be received at this office until 12 o'clock on the 31st day of January, 1868, for the transportation of Military Supplies during the year 1868, on the following routes:

ROUTE No. 1.—From Forts Leavenworth, Laramie and Riley, and other depots that may be established during the above year on the west bank of the Missouri River, north of Fort Leavenworth and south of latitude 46 degrees north, to such points or stations that are or may be established in the Territories of Nebraska, Dacotah, Idaho and Utah, south of latitude 46 degrees north, and east of longitude 116 degrees west, and in the Territory of Colorado north of 40 degrees north. Bidders to state the rate per 100 pounds per 100 miles at which they will transport said stores in each of the months from April to September inclusive, of the year 1868.

ROUTE No. 2.—From Forts Leavenworth and Riley, in the State of Kansas, to any points or stations in the State of Missouri, to any posts or stations that are or may be established in the State of Kansas, or in the Territory of Colorado, south of latitude 40 degrees north, drawing supplies from Fort Leavenworth; and to Fort Union, N. M., or other depot that may be designated in that territory, to Fort Garland, and to any other point or points on the Arkansas River. Bidders to state the rate per 100 pounds per 100 miles at which they will transport said stores in each of the months from April to September, inclusive, of the year 1868.

ROUTE No. 3.—From Fort Union, or such other depot as may be established in the Territory of New-Mexico, to any points or stations that are or may be established in that territory, and to such posts or stations as may be designated in the Territory of Arizona and State of Texas west of longitude 100 degrees west. Bidders to state the rate per 100 pounds per 100 miles at which they will transport said stores in each of the months from June to November, inclusive, of the year 1868.

The weight to be transported each year will not exceed 10,000,000 pounds on route No. 1, 75,000,000 pounds on route No. 2, and 6,000,000 on route No. 3.

No additional compensation will be paid for the transportation of beans, hard bread, pine lumber, shingles or any other stores.

Bidders should give their names in full, as well as their places of residence, and each proposal should be accompanied by a bond in the sum of ten thousand dollars, signed by two or more responsible persons, guaranteeing that, in case a contract is awarded for the service mentioned in the proposal, to the parties proposing, the contract will be accepted and entered into, and good and sufficient security given for the said parties, in accordance with the terms of this advertisement.

The amount of bonds required from the contractors will be as follows:

On route No. 1.....$150,000
On route No. 2.....200,000
On route No. 3.....50,000

Satisfactory evidence of the loyalty and solvency of each bidder and person offered as security will be required.

Proposals must be indorsed:

"Proposals for Army Transportation on Route No. '1,' '2' or '3,'" as the case may be, and none will be entertained unless they fully comply with all the requirements of this advertisement.

Parties to whom awards are made must be prepared to execute contracts with good and sufficient sureties, before the faithful performance of the same.

Contracts will be made subject to the approval of the Quartermaster-General; but the right is reserved to reject any or all bids that may be offered.

Contractors must be in readiness for service by the 1st day of April, 1868, and they will be required to have a place of business or agency at or in the vicinity of Forts Leavenworth and Union, and other depots that may be established, at which they may be communicated with promptly by mail.

By order of the Quartermaster-General,

J. POTTER,
Colonel and Chief Quartermaster.

PAYMASTER'S OFFICE, U. S. A., No. 39 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK, Jan. 16, 1868.

**PROPOSALS WILL BE RECEIVED AT** this office until 12 o'clock M., the first inst., for the following supplies, which must be of the very best quality, and the machines are to be equal to Wm. Sellers & Co.'s, of Philadelphia's, of Philadelphia: All to be delivered, free of expense to the government, at the Navy-yard, New-York, to wit:

BUREAU OF YARDS AND DOCKS.

2,500 feet B. M. white pine plank; 60 tons bread top coal.

6 rolls tracing cloth, 4 bars (1,200 lbs.) Lister flat iron.

12 pcs. bone couplings, (Garland's patent,) 1 large chisel lathe.

1 regimal drilling machine, 1 large planing machine.

BUREAU OF EQUIPMENT AND RECRUITING.

400 feet 4/4 wire rope.

BUREAU OF CONSTRUCTION AND REPAIR.

1,500 lbs. Russia sheet iron.

BUREAU OF STEAM ENGINEERING.

8,000 gallons pure sperm oil; 1,200 lbs. bolts and nuts.

200 brass frames seamless tubes, 30 rings Martin's metallic packing.

Responsible security will be required for the prompt and faithful delivery of supplies awarded. Blank forms for bidders, with needful information, can be had at this office.

JOHN D. SIMSON,
Paymaster U. S. Navy.

OFFICE OF CHIEF QUARTERMASTER,
MILITARY DIVISION OF THE GULF,
NEW-ORLEANS, Jan. 14, 1868.

**SEALED PROPOSALS ARE INVITED** and will be received at this office until 12 M., March 1, 1868, by parties prepared to enter into contract, the property of the United States, now at Camp Verde, near San Antonio, Texas.

Bids may be made for one or more of these animals.

Each envelope containing a bid should be sealed and addressed, Colonel C. G. Sawtelle, Chief Quartermaster Military Division of the Gulf, New-Orleans, La.

The Government reserves the right to reject any bids deemed too low.

Payment to be made in U. S. Currency upon the acceptance of the company proposed, and prior to the delivery of the camels to the successful bidders, at San Antonio, Texas.

C. G. SAWTELLE,
Colonel and Chief Quartermaster Military Division of the Gulf, Brt. Col. U. S. Army.

## PUBLIC NOTICES.

**CORPORATION NOTICE.**—PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given, to the owner or owners, occupant or occupants of all houses and lots, improved or unimproved lands, affected thereby, that the following assessments have been completed and are lodged in the office of the Board of Assessors for examination by all persons interested, viz.:

1. For building a sewer in Jane-street, from Eighth to Greenwich-avenue.

2. For regulating and grading, setting curb and gutter and flagging One Hundred and Thirty-second-street, from Fifth to Seventh-avenue.

3. For paving Twentieth-street with trap-block, from Third to Fourth-avenue.

4. For building a sewer in Seventy-eighth-street, from Third to Fourth-avenue.

5. For paving Fifty-fifth-street with trap-block, from Third to Fourth-avenue.

6. For paving Seventy-first-street with trap-block, from Third to Fourth-avenue.

The limits embraced by such assessment include all the several houses and lots of ground, vacant lots, pieces and parcels of land situated on both sides of Jane-street, from Greenwich-avenue to Eighth-avenue.

Also, all the lots on both sides of One Hundred and Thirty-second-street to the extent of half the block from Fifth to Seventh-avenue.

Also, all the lots on both sides of Twentieth-street to the extent of half the block from Third to Fourth-avenue.

Also, all the lots on both sides of Seventy-eighth-street to the extent of half the block from Third to Fourth-avenue.

Also, all the lots on both sides of Fifty-fifth-street to the extent of half the block from Third to Fourth-avenue.

Also, all the lots on both sides of Seventy-first-street to the extent of half the block from Third to Fourth-avenue.

All persons whose interests are affected by the above-named assessments, and who are opposed to the same, or either of them, are requested to present their objections in writing to one of the undersigned at their office, number thirty-two Chambers-street, basement now occupied by Clerks, within thirty days from the date of this notice.

JACOB F. OAKLEY,
DANIEL D. CONOVER,
ISAACO. HUNT,
Board of Assessors.

OFFICE, BOARD OF ASSESSORS,
NEW-COURT-HOUSE, Jan. 20, 1868.

## NEW PUBLICATIONS.

**MATRIMONY.—WHY EVERY MAN SHOULD** Marry. Why every woman should marry. Who should not marry. Who should not marry. Who should not

## NOTES FROM THE PEOPLE.

### The Health Bill.

*To the Editor of the New-York Times:*

In a recent investigation of the First Ward, Mr. DUFUY, the indefatigable Visitor in that district, reports of an underground room which quite equals, in its fearful condition of filth and overcrowding, those described so graphically of late by the Police Commissioners. He says:

"What do you think of the moral atmosphere of the home I am about to describe below. In such a home two of our boys return nightly, in a dark, cellar, filled with smoke. There sleep all, in one room, with no kind of partition dividing them, two men and their wives, a girl of thirteen or fourteen, two men and a large boy of seventeen, a mother with two more boys, one about ten, the other a large boy of fifteen; another woman and two boys of about nine and eleven years of age—in all, *fourteen persons*. This room I have often visited, and the number enumerated probably falls below, rather than above, the average that sleep there."

Now, Sir, all of us who are at work among the poor practically, know that there are plenty of such dens of crime and "nests of fever." We see more distinctly than others the formidable dangers to the city from such haunts. Here, we know that thieves, and vagrants, and prostitutes are bred and educated. When, next Spring or Summer, the pestilence suddenly breaks out in the city, its first grim appearance will be in these "lodging-houses," and in these it will revel.

From these centres it will radiate all over the city and the Union. Quarantine will not be of the slightest use, when such fertile receptacles for the seed of the disease are here all prepared. No city ever quarantined itself so carefully as Naples, and in Naples the cholera always finds a fearful harvest.

It is certainly not an improbable hypothesis that *excreta* convey the disease, but what earthly power could prevent *excreta* from persons having diarrhea being scattered all over the city? Who can close the sewers so that the poisonous effluvia from the ejections shall not arise through our water-pipes into our dwellings?

It is, of course, too late now to avert cholera, (if it shall approach the next season,) but we can check its ravages to an incredible extent by proper sanitary provisions. Let the fact always be borne in mind that though there were 18,000 deaths of cholera in 1849 in London, *not a case occurred in any model lodging-house*, simply because cleanliness and ventilation were enforced and over-crowding checked. If similar precautions on a broad scale be undertaken, we may hope greatly to mitigate the ravages of the dreaded disease.

Such hideous dens as those I have just described must be broken up. There is not at this day *in all London* such a lodging house as that just described in the First Ward. The Sanitary Police would break them up at once, and bring the keepers before the courts.

It is to do away with such fearful evils and to prepare for the cholera, that so many of our citizens are urging the passage of the *health bill*. It ought, however, to be understood, that the success of this beneficent measure is now greatly threatened by certain unwise amendments, which are suggested to it by some of its friends. The bill has been most carefully studied and framed after weeks of labor by the committee charged with its formation. Prominent lawyers and, we believe, nearly all the medical profession, consider it the best sanitary act ever presented to the Legislature. The Union League Club have given it their unqualified approbation.

As compared with European legislation, I am certain there has been nothing framed in England or France more stringent and thorough and judicious. One great object of the measure has been to make the new board thoroughly *unpartisan*. The amendments offered would at once destroy this impartial character by introducing the "two Mayors" of New-York and Brooklyn, who, whether Republicans or Democrats, must always, from the nature of the case, be partisans. They propose also to give the appointing power to the Governor, but here again, (much as we may respect Gov. BENTON,) they throw those places of public trust by into the hands of politicians and make above all important that such places, with the dangers threatening the city, should be given only to men of sanitary science and thorough organization, separated, from politics. Four of the most eminent physicians of New-York and Brooklyn have been mentioned in the bill—gentlemen of great experience, who have already distinguished themselves by sanitary services, and who are above all suspicions of merely pecuniary or selfish purposes in serving in these offices.

When their terms expire, the Legislature is to appoint their successors, (as it does the Regents of the University,) from among the physicians in regular practice during five years preceding, and residing in this district. Their salaries are $2,500 each, which is surely not exorbitant, if they do their duty.

Certainly this organization must commend itself to all fair-minded persons, as securing competent men at once and keeping their appointment out of the field of politics.

Again, the suggestion of an extra member, a layman, or the Health Officer, seems unwise, for the board has already eight, and such addition would in all probability be a politician or the creature of a party, and beside it would throw the police into the minority. It is but just that the executive arm—the police—should be equal to the planning and scientific portion, the physicians. The two equal will work harmoniously, or will check each other's mistakes and over-imprudence. *To leave out* the police would be to disembowel the bill, and it might as well drop altogether. The power of the commission would be gone, and its expense quadrupled.

The enemy with their enormous bribery intend to take advantage of these unwise suggestions, and divide the friends of the measure, and so defeat the bill or destroy its vitality.

We desire that those who honestly and earnestly wish the lives of thousands of our citizens to be saved and the city to be prepared for the cholera, and a sanitary administration established here worthy of our civilization and equal to the European, should understand first how the measure now stands and how (if at all) it will be defeated. C. L. B.

NEW-YORK, Thursday, Jan. 25, 1866.

### Cholera—The Health Bill.

NEW-YORK, Tuesday, Jan. 23, 1866.

*To the Editor of the New-York Times:*

"God helps those who help themselves," is a maxim as true as it is ancient. New-York with its million of dependents treats this rule as inapplicable to itself, and awaits with calm indifference the approach of the cholera.

Little is being done to prepare for it. The streets are as dirty, the ash heaps as high, the stenches as sickening as ever. It is but a few days since that a reporter of the TIMES furnished as vivid a picture of filth, wretchedness, misery and crime in underground New-York as has ever been drawn.

The season has been unfavorable to health. The absence of steady cold, and the prevalence of wet, damp weather is unpropitious, and renders our systems less capable of resisting infection than they would be after a hard cold Winter.

While such is the condition of the city, where is the cholera? It started last Summer from its nursery in the far East, and desolated Constantinople. It marked its path along the Mediterranean with mourning, and reached Paris, where it has raged all through the Fall and Winter. It crossed the Atlantic and appeared in this port; by a merciful interposition of Providence, rather than from any care of man, it has not spread. And now it is said to be devastating Jacmel, in the West India Islands. Given, the existence as an epidemic in the West Indies, how soon will it reach New-York? The question may be answered with almost mathematical precision. All intelligent physicians agree that there is not one chance in a thousand that the cholera will pass by us this Summer. If these facts being admitted, it would be natural to suppose that the press, as the guardian of public health and as watchmen placed on the high places of observation, would sound repeated warning to the citizens and to the rulers.

But so far from this being the case, with a few honorable exceptions, as the TIMES, the press is silent, or it only speaks to oppose all sanitary reform. Occasionally an extract from a foreign paper informs us of the prevalence of the scourge in some new spot, but of its advance toward us. Why this apathy?

A few months since the press was filled with articles on the cholera, which was anticipated in twenty months, but now when the enemy is at our doors, that natural excitement and artificial means are combining in its favor, why this silence?

Does God indeed drive us mad because he wishes to destroy us?

We have a new Mayor, an active, honest, honorable man. The cry of his party has been, that the Mayor has no power, and he may think himself unable to do anything. But surely he may lend the weight of his official position and high private character to the immediate passage of the health bill. He may see that the city officers do their duty or expose their delinquencies, even where he cannot right them.

When the cholera comes this year, it will be just so much worse than it was in 1849, as our streets are more dirty, and our population more crowded than it was then.

In 1849 it found the city unprepared, and the much dreaded Board of Health had to be convened.

By herculean efforts, and at great expense, the city cleansed and the pestilence stayed.

Unless the Health Bill is passed, the Board of Health must again be called together.

Economy as well as safety demands its immediate passage.

In the final report of the committee appointed by the Board of Health in 1849, this remarkable sentence occurs, and it is more true now than it was then: "We have no sanitary police worthy of the name; cholera may again assail us before we know it; and it is the dictate of true policy to be prepared in season to meet it; and not cholera alone, but any and every other malady whichmay be produced or aggravated by local causes."

Let the legislators see to it that the Health Bill becomes a law. L. L. D.

### Cholera in the West Indies.

NEW-YORK, Thursday, Jan. 25, 1866.

*To the Editor of the New-York Times:*

In some of the "dailies" of this city I notice from time to time "items" relating to the spread of cholera in the West Indies. These seem generally to be taken from papers published at distances from the infected parts—Jamaica, Bermuda, &c., &c.—and are only calculated to produce unfounded panic. I can give you my experience. When I left South America on the 10th of December last, it was positively asserted that cholera was raging at Martinique, Dominica, Guadaloupe, Curacoa, St. Thomas and Havana. Even the deaths per diem were confidently stated. I came down to Trinidad and took passage on one of the Royal Mail steamers, rather expecting to run the gauntlet of death and panic. On reaching Martinique, however, I found all healthy there. At Dominica three cases had occurred—passengers in a sloop from Guadaloupe, arriving in panic. Upon landing they had all been isolated, strictly—had all taken the disease, two died, the other recovered; and though this had occurred some three weeks previous to my visit, not another case had appeared on the island. At Guadaloupe, where I was on the 14th of December, the disease had so far subsided that the health officer pronounced it substantially over. It had not at that time spread to any other island. St. Lucia, Barbados, St. Vincent, Grenada, Trinidad, Tobago, Antigua, St. Kitts, St Thomas, Porto Rico, Hayti and Cuba, at all of which I stopped during the month of December, were perfectly healthy; and these dates you will see are later than any referred to in the papers of this city. The towns through the islands were beautifully clean; the most stringent sanitary regulations were enforced; health officers made weekly inspections of all houses, yards, &c., and removed promptly all filth and garbage. I have never seen the West Indian towns in such excellent condition. I was inclined to look on the Guadaloupe sickness as local. On the 7th of September the island was visited by a severe hurricane, which destroyed the poorer class of houses, provision grounds, &c. This caused great destitution and suffering among the lower classes, and from the want of proper food and shelter a new type of fever broke out in October, afterward assuming symptoms of cholera, cramps, &c., and eventually almost identical with Asiatic cholera. The mortality in November was frightful. Physicians lost three out of four of their patients, and in one of the towns—Basse Terre, I think it was—the deaths reached 131 in a day. This would be about equal to 50,000 deaths per diem in a population such as London contains. It was, however, apparently all over in December, and the St. Thomas steamer due here on the 27th inst. will bring advices a month later than mine from the windward islands, and I trust equally favorable.

### UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD.

#### Confused Ideas as to its Locality—Seven Different Pacific Railroads—Location and Present Condition of Each—Government Aid, &c.

OFFICE OF THE UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY, No. 15 WILLIAM-ST., NEW-YORK, Jan. 27, 1866.

*To the Editor of the New-York Times:*

So much doubt and confusion appears to exist in the minds of the people, and possibly of some members of Congress, in relation to the locality, present condition, and future prospects of the Union Pacific Railroad, that, with your permission, I will endeavor to throw some light upon the subject.

There are, at the present time, no less than seven different projects, or organizations, known as Pacific railroads—and consequently, when allusion is made to either one of these, it is erroneously and sometimes quite injuriously applied to the one great trunk line chartered by Congress for the purpose of constructing a railroad through the entire territories of the United States, and thus connecting the railroads of the extreme Eastern and Western States in one continuous line across the continent.

In speaking of these different organizations, I shall refer to them in their proper geographical order, from the east and south to the west and north, and shall endeavor to confine myself to a simple and concise statement of facts:

1. The Pacific Railroad of Missouri, a State organization, extending from the city of St. Louis to the east line of Kansas, at or near Kansas City, a distance of 283 miles. This road is now completed and in operation.

2. The Union Pacific Railway, Eastern Division, extending from the western terminus of the Missouri Pacific Railroad, at the eastern boundary of Kansas, to an intersection with the Union Pacific Railroad, "at a point on the one-hundredth meridian of longitude west from Greenwich, between the south margin of the Republican River and the north margin of the valley of the Platte river, in the Territory of Nebraska, at a point to be fixed by the President of the United States after actual surveys." The total distance is about 360 miles. This is also a State organization, and was formerly known as the "Leavenworth, Pawnee and Western Railroad Company of Kansas;" but the company, in 1863, assumed the name of "Union Pacific Railway, Eastern Division," by which title it has since been recognized. This company receives the same amount and kind of aid from the general government as the Union Pacific Railroad, which, to avoid repetition, will be described in connection with that road. The laying of track was commenced in 1863, since which sixty-two miles have been completed, and the road is now open for public use to Topeka, the capital of the State.

3. The Union Pacific Railroad, extending from the western boundary of the State of Iowa, at Omaha, "to the western boundary of the Territory of Nevada, there to connect with the line of the Central Pacific Railroad Company of California, a distance of about sixteen hundred miles." The capital stock is one hundred million dollars. This organization is entirely the creation of Congress, and being located within the Territories, is not subject to any State or municipal regulations. To aid in its construction the government grants "every alternate section of public land, designated by odd numbers, to the amount of ten alternate sections per mile, on each side of said railroad on the line thereof, and within the limits of twenty miles on each side of said road, not sold, reserved, or otherwise set aside by the United States, and to which a preemption or homestead claim may not have attached at the time the line of said road is definitely fixed." The law further provides that "said company shall designate the general route of said road, as near as may be, and shall file a map of the same in the Department of the Interior, whereupon the Secretary of the Interior shall cause the lands within twenty-five miles of said designated route or routes to be withdrawn from preemption, private entry and sale; and when any portion of said route shall be finally located, the Secretary of the Interior shall cause the said lands hereinbefore granted to be surveyed and set off as fast as may be necessary for the purposes herein named."

To aid further in the construction of this road the law provides that as certain portions therein specified are fully completed and equipped, the Secretary of the Treasury shall "issue to said Company bonds of the United States of one thousand dollars each, payable in thirty years after date, bearing six per centum per annum interest, (said interest payable semi-annually,) which interest may be paid in United States Treasury notes, or any other money or currency which the United States have or shall declare lawful money and a legal tender," as follows: "For three hundred miles of said road, most mountainous and difficult of construction, to wit: one hundred and fifty miles westwardly from the eastern base of the Rocky Mountains, and one hundred and fifty miles eastwardly from the western base of the Sierra Nevada Mountains, said bonds not to be brought in Washington Stock Exchange stocks quoted—about better, if not cheaper, in the open market—at 70 per cent. below the prices ruling a year ago. All other commodities on their tables must be purchased or bought from first hands at a great reduction from the prices current when gold was two hundred and eighty, and they are doing a [illegible] business.

[illegible] Correspondent.

### The Fire Marshal.

*To the Editor of the New-York Times:*

Will you favor a constant reader with an answer to the following query? When a police officer arrests a person caught in the act of committing the crime of arson (as was the case at the Mulberry-street fire on the morning of the 21st inst.), why must the Fire Marshal be telegraphed for (*vide Herald* of 22d inst.) before an investigation into the matter can be had? The Fire Marshal being, as I understand, only an employe of different insurance companies of this city, and not a public officer, gives rise to the interrogation.

AN INSURANCE CLERK.

[Perhaps some of our correspondents can answer this question.—ED. TIMES.]

### The Manual.

*To the Editor of the New-York Times:*

"A resolution was adopted by the Board of Aldermen, appropriating $5,000 for the printing of 10,000 copies of *Valentine's Corporation Manual*."

The above, in your paper of the 23d, is a mistake. The appropriation is $3,500 for *compiling* the *Manual*. The clerk is directed to have the same printed without any limitation as to cost. Mr. VANDUM showed, from the Comptroller's report, that the cost of printing this work last year was $83,000, or more than $5 a volume, and stated that other publishers had estimated the work at $20,000 to $25,000. He moved an amendment for giving it out by contract, which amendment was voted down. CIVIS.

NEW-YORK, Jan. 23.

### WOMAN'S MISSION TO WOMAN.

#### The Women's Union Missionary Society of America—The Poor Women of India have the Gospel Preached to them—Rich Men's Wives have No Access to the Gospel—View of Interior High Life in Calcutta and elsewhere—The Habits of Heathen Aristocracy.

Last evening a large and attentive congregation assembled in the Reformed Dutch Church, corner of Fifth-avenue and Twenty-first-street. The object of the meeting was to aid the Women's Union Missionary Society of America.

The Rev. Dr. MUHLENBERG opened the exercises by reading the sixty-second chapter of Isaiah and offering prayer.

Rev. Dr. ROGERS read the report of the society, from which it appears that the society has been working in an unostentatious but effective manner for five years. It was commenced by a few ladies who concluded that there was a special work required at their hands in the education and Christianization of the women of their own class in heathen lands. Since the organization of the society it had sent out four missionaries, two native teachers and four Bible readers. They had gone to China, India, Turkey and other lands. Many of the women in India who had received instructions from these missionary sisters were ladies of station—wives of merchant princes. These women never received education because of the extremely youthful age at which they married and their subsequent seclusion from the outer world. In the upper circles of Indian society the women were confined entirely to zananjahs, or rooms set apart for their special use, so that even now only persons of their own sex are allowed to approach them. Hence the importance of the work.

Rev. Mr. GRIFFIS said that most people entertained the idea of missions that they must be conducted by ordained ministers, and they imagined the fact of a minister preaching to heathen congregations. To a large extent the notion was a proper one, but in the proportion that it was so there must necessarily be a large portion, and that an important one left without the blessings of the gospel. The women of the lower classes in India were, from necessity, out in the world, engaged in the field and in the other avocations of life. In this way they had access to the labors of the missionaries, while the wives of the rich merchants were secluded from the world. The richer the heathen the more closely were their wives kept within the walls of the zananjahs. The husband's rooms were luxuriously furnished, and in them they entertained the merchants from this country and Europe; but the zananjahs were bare of furniture, beyond the few articles absolutely necessary for the offices of living. It was to this class of women that this society addressed its work. The reverend gentleman spoke at length, and with much spirit, upon the claims of the society, and expressed his gratitude for the fact that the ladies of this Woman's Society were not denominational, but union.

Rev. Dr. CHURCH observed that this mission, by its very peculiarity, was a Christian one. The work of Christ knew nothing of sex; and it was equally the work of women and men. He rejoiced in the non-denominational character of the society, and hoped that the ladies would take it to heart, and each, with their needles and their purses and their prayers, help their sisters in India.

Rev. Dr. ROGERS made the concluding address, beginning by observing that the great MACAULAY, in one of his reviews, had referred by way of contrast to the policy of the Protestant and Catholic churches in respect to the agencies they used to do their work. In the Catholic Church the women were organized into workers. The reproach which had fastened itself to our Protestant churches was fast dying out, for the various benevolent organizations in this city gave ample testimony that our ladies were not idle. After showing the apostolic propriety of the Woman's Union Missionary Society of America, the eloquent speaker appealed, in the name of the Master who had left us his admonition, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." There was a divine philosophy underlying that passage which Christians should never lose sight of, and it was simply this, that the spirit of giving was of love, the highest and purest of all the attributes we are permitted to exercise, while gratitude was merely thankful, but by no means so pure nor lofty an attribute as the love which prompted the cheerful giver.

The Doxology was then sung by the congregation, and

Rev. Dr. MUHLENBERG dismissed them with the benediction.

### THE LIEDERKRANZ.

#### The Third Concert of the Season—An Attractive Programme and an Enjoyable Evening.

The pleasant and elegantly frescoed hall of the Liederkranz Society was well filled last night by the guests and friends of the Association, on the occasion of the third social concert and reunion given there this season. Among the audience were many of our best known literary men, musicians and other public notables, while the display in dress and toilette rivaled that of the most fashionable chamber concerts. The orchestra, under the skillful baton of Mr. PAUER, was composed entirely of amateurs led by the veteran music dealer, SCHUBERT, while in the ranks of the chorus we noticed the genial countenance of Mr. WM. STEINWAY, Mr. STEIN, the baritone, and others equally well known.

THE PROGRAMME

was as follows:

1. Overture to Festus.....Mozart
2. Chœur de Provance.....Cherubini
   Chorus of ladies.
3. Adagio (violoncello).....Meinhardt
   Herr WEDEMEYER.
4. Twilight in the Woods.....Abt
   Male chorus.
5. Piano solo.....Henseldt
   Herr DEMUT.

SECOND PART.

1. Fantasie.....Servais
   Herr WEDEMEYER.
2. Romance.....Schumann
   Female quartette.
3. Andante, with variations.....Beethoven
   Herr DEMUT.
4. Erl King.....Schubert
   Herr STOUDT.
5. Overture to Czar and Carpenter.....Lorking

Criticism would be ill-timed on an occasion when amateurs meet for collective recreation, but there need be no shrinking on the part of these ladies and gentlemen from the sternest criticism, for the entire interpretation was such as might rather be expected from practiced and long-drilled professionals than from "*dilletanti*."

More particularly the fourth number of the first part of the very enjoyable programme deserves notice, as it richly deserved the tumultuous *encore* demanded. The sweet tenor voice of WILLIAM STEINWAY and the rich baritone of Mr. STEIN sustained the difficult *soli* with skill and effect, while the perfectly balanced chorus furnished a superb and massive undertone, above which rang the clear, rich notes of, first, the tenor, then the baritone, while rolling as with thunder, steadily the voices of the others maintained their part.

We have rarely attended a gathering in which kindlier or more genial elements mingled. Our German brethren excel us in all phases of social life and in their example we could readily and profitably find very much to follow. Mr. GERLICH was as usual the urbane and attentive chaperon of the stranger and the guest, and to him we were as on other occasions greatly indebted for courtesies.

We understand that there are but seven hundred tickets remaining unsold for the great Liederkranz Ball and that over one thousand applications are on file from members of the society.

### The Union League and the Public Health.

At the annual meeting of the Union League Club held at the Club house, in the City of New-York, on the 18th day of January, 1866, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

*Resolved*, That we regard the early passage of a law establishing an improved and efficient sanitary system for the City of New-York and its vicinity, as the most important sanitary subject which can engage the attention of the Legislature.

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Many of the bands now in the service, though having the full number allowed by government, are lacking in martial effect from want of such a system.

In the first place, all bands should be alike; i. e., the number of men should correspond, and each instrument should be named that shall be used in the band. A school for beginners could be established in each regiment, from which to fill vacancies, thereby insuring a full band at all times. And if there is training throughout the country for musical recruits in consequence avoided.

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Improvement is the order of the day, and I hope that our present indefatigable and persevering Chairman of Military Affairs will not overlook the present opportunity of establishing a national system for our military bands.

D. L. DOWNING,
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OTIS D. SWAN, Secretary.

Dated NEW-YORK, Jan. 27, 1866.

## GENERAL CITY NEWS.

FIRES IN BROADWAY.—At 7 o'clock last evening a fire occurred in the apartments of JOHN SCHAUDS, on the third floor of the three-story and basement building No. 636 Broadway, which was caused by the overheating of a stove, and spread, during the absence of the occupants, to the floor below, which is occupied by BARNUM & FORTUNE as a fashionable club house. SCHAUDS' loss by fire and water is $50, which is covered by a policy of $600 in the Lenox Company. The club house suffers to the extent of $300, insured for $1,000 in the Pacific Fire Insurance company. C. WITTY'S carriage depository, on the first floor, suffered by water to the amount of $100, but the property being covered over in time by the Insurance Patrol, greater loss was prevented. S. LIVINGSTON'S stationery store was slightly damaged by water. The building, which is the property of Mr. HAMMERSLEY, was slightly damaged.....The book pieces of building No. 15 Broadway, occupied by JOHN G. DALE as the office of the Liverpool steamer line, was slightly damaged by fire yesterday afternoon.

ST. BARNABAS' HOUSE.—Rev. Dr. WASHBURN, Rector of Calvary Church, preached last evening to a large congregation in Trinity Chapel, a sermon in behalf of St. Barnabas' House, No. 514 Mulberry-street. He alluded to the work to be done by this house as a temporary home for the needed and the degraded; and then proceeded to view the subject of city missions in its broad aspects. The extravagance and the refined vices of the upper classes of society minister encouragement to the same evils as they appear in their more revolting shape in the lower classes. Society is in large measure responsible for the evil. Let society consider the responsibility for the cure. There were present beside the reverend preacher and the rector of Trinity Church, five other clergymen, who took part in the services. This sermon was the third of a course in behalf of of St. Barnabas' House.

CONVENTION OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES.—A convention of the School Trustees of the several wards of this city is to be held in the main room of Grammar School Building, No. 4 Rivington-street, near Ridge, on Saturday evening next, Feb. 3. Revelations of alleged actions on the part of committees of the Board of Education, consistent in character with those of the famous municipal "Ring," are promised by Trustees TRACY and TOOKER, of the Thirteenth Ward, and the former, who is also member of Assembly for the Eighth District, will read the draft of amendments to the present school law, notice of which he gave in the State Legislature last week. The convention will consist of six representatives from each of the twenty-two wards, and it is expected their deliberations will result beneficially to the cause of education in this city.

THE CHARITY BALL.—The charity ball, which takes place at the Academy of Music this evening, is likely to be long remembered in the annals of Terpsichore. Mr. KINGSLAND has taken great pains to give to the house as fine an appearance for the occasion as possible. The stage will support a magnificent tent, which has just been painted. In the centre will be two beautiful fountains. At the end will be eight Cupids holding candelabras. The house will also be decorated with drapery and flowers, while the lobbies will be handsomely carpeted. There will be two bands of music—one under charge of LANDER, and the other under GALETTI. The ball will be opened by the managers at 9 o'clock precisely.

FIRE IN THE BOWERY.—Shortly after 9 o'clock yesterday morning a slight fire occurred in a garret bedroom at the residence of Mr. ISAAC SILVERSTEIN, No. 322 Bowery, caused by a small boy setting fire to some clothing while playing with matches. In endeavoring to extinguish the fire Mr. SILVERSTEIN had his hands severely burned. The loss on clothing is estimated at $250; insured for $2,000 in the Market Insurance